SYNOPSIS

HUNGARY: THE HYPERINFLATION 1945-1946.

As the Second World War ended, the greatest inflation the world has ever known took place in Hungary during the months between May 1, 1945, and July 31, 1946. The complexity of the Hyperinflation as postal history cannot be emphasized enough. During those 15 months each of the 33 different service categories and functions changed rates 27 times. It took 35 years of effort, acquisition and research to present the magnitude of such diversity in a meaningful, organized and hopefully interesting manner.

On the subject this was the first collection exhibited in the USA (1990) or internationally (1995). Analysis by this exhibitor led to the system of classifying by rate periods as is now being used by a growing number of collectors.

Being an early collector of the topic offered the opportunity to acquire some scarce material. However in the past 19 years, as the topic's popularity grew, so did the competition for desirable covers. Once in a while dealers offered desirable material, but most often scouring auction catalogs coming from Hungary and from around the world brought results. Such a hunt over the years was time consuming and demanded tenacity. The total number of covers that survived is very limited. An informal international survey conducted by this exhibitor in conjunction with another collector showed that approximately 15,000 Hyperinflation covers survived from the 27 rate periods. *Only a very small percentage is exhibit quality.* ***This exhibit is viewed by collectors of the specialty as the finest, most complete collection of the topic.*** *The exhibitor includes all necessary rare items to achieve the intent of the exhibit.*

The exhibitor achieved some difficult long-term goals. To complete a ***'Grace Period'*** example for each rate period took over 12 years of hunting. Hungary's re-opening postal contact with many countries happened only 90-120 days before the end of the Hyperinflation. Con-temporary correspondence with many countries is scarce or non-exist. *No other Hyperinflation collection exists with so many different foreign destinations (32).* One of the most difficult challenges were/is to find covers to

"Unusual, Exotic and Scarce destinations" (10) : *Australia, Ceylon, Egypt, Hawaii, India, Mexico, Liechtenstein, New Zealand*, *Sarawak, South- Africa.*

The famous ***'Dove'*** covers are represented with *eleven* important examples.

Air Mail service re-started May 1, 1946, was in effect for only 90 days during the Hyperinflation. This exhibitor is the repository and record-keeper of all newly reported - previously unknown- hyperinflation *Air Mail* covers reported by collectors from around the world. In the past 35 years only 76 Air Mail covers are recorded in all holdings. *Seventeen Air Mails are presented including the unique First Flight to New York via Prague, Czechoslovakia and the Air Mail to New Zealand covers.*

'Postmaster Provisionals' *are the crown jewels of any Hyperinflation collection (seven are included in this exhibit).*

ORGANIZATION

- The 27 rate periods are ***organized in chronological order.*** On the top of each succeeding rate period's page the viewer will find a simplified new rate schedule, as well as ***the rate of inflation over the previous rate period*** or, when the official regulation stated, ***percentages over the previously established 'base' rate.***
- ***'Grace Period'*** covers are shown on the first page of each succeeding rate period.

CHALLENGE

- ***To present a cohesive exhibit for an exceedingly complex subject.***
- ***Rarity: to present hard to find usages, functions, markings and destinations.*** Many items are unique or only a few exist. In addition, there are several instances when only two or three items are recorded and all are in this collection, or two out of three, three out of four, etc.
- ***The best quality*** is selected but need note that during post-war hard times severe paper shortage forced the public the use of inferior paper.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

- ***The covers were chosen to present a wide variety of usages and functions.***

RESEARCH AND STUDIES

Before 1980, all articles were written in Hungarian and most were related to traditional collecting, only very few on this topic. To find answers to his postal history questions, this collector not only needed to study existing data but also had to conduct original research for new information. Against the general beliefs held at the time (pre-1989) that covers with 'many different colored stamps to pay the rate' were the desirable ones; this exhibitor in 1992 documented, wrote and published a revolutionary theory, "*Hungary: 'Single' Stamps and 'Fewest Stamps Used' Frankings During the 1945-46 Hyperinflation"*. This study's evaluation formula could also be applied to other countries' inflations as well.

In an effort to organize all available data, a book written by the exhibitor, edited by John M. Hotchner, and was published in 2003 by the Collectors Club of Chicago, ***"The Hungarian Hyperinflation of 1945-1946: The postage rates and postal history of history's most impressive inflation"*** was the first comprehensive book on the subject. The first literature exhibit where the book was entered, COLOPEX 2004; received the Grand Award and Gold. At STAMPSHOW 2004, it received the Reserve Grand, Gold, and the *Diane D. Boehret Award* for the best philatelic handbook published in 2003/2004.

This exhibitor has written numerous articles on the subject published in *The Postal History Journal, The American Philatelist, The News of Hungarian Philately, The Stamps of Hungary (GB), Philatelica (HU)* and *Linn's Stamp News.*

In the past 35 years the exhibitor's single focus collecting the postal history of Hungary's Hyperinflation, when observed an unusual or rare item in an auction or in another collector's holding: in cooperation with other subject specialists, informal acknowledgements of *'known'* items has been *'recorded'*.

Since 1992, this exhibitor has conducted an international survey to find any yet unknown *'Control Numbers'* for paid-by-cash mail and their corresponding dispatching post offices. Since the survey's inception, the previously known numbers more than doubled.

HIGHLIGHTS:

ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS are **matted in red.** All have been AIEP expertized, signified with *"Certificate"* marking.

Special attention notations are in red italicized text.

In addition, many of the covers presented are unique or only a few recorded. *'Significant items'* are matted with blue and in a heavy black frame.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

FIP Gold medals were awarded at: WASHINGTON 2006; ISRAEL 2008; EFIRO 2008; LONDON 2010; NEW YORK 2016;FINLANDIA 2017; THAILAND 2018;

WSP Grand Award: ARIPEX 2014.
WSP Reserve Grand: PHILATELIC SHOW 2013, and SESCAL 2004.

WSP Large Gold: SEAPEX 2017
Recipient of AAPE's Diamond Award #31.

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In addition, all references known up to the time printed (2003) can be found listed on four pages in the exhibitor's authored book *"The Hungarian Hyperinflation of 1945-1946"* (pages 261-264). available from the APS library.

Thank you for your interest in the subject!

HUNGARY:
THE HYPERINFLATION 1945-1946

This exhibit presents a thorough study of one of the most complex areas in postal history: the period between May 1, 1945, and July 31, 1946, which produced the greatest Hyperinflation the world has ever known up to the end of the 20th century. The exhibit is a result of 34 years of extensive research and acquisition. It formed the basis of the first comprehensive book (written by this exhibitor) on Hungary's Hyperinflation.

SCOPE: During the 15 month period under study, 27 postal rate changes were instituted. Two rate periods (23rd & 24th) were four days in duration, and one (22nd) only three days.

ORGANIZATION: The exhibit follows the chronological order of the 27 rate changes. Simplified descriptions of the new rates are shown for each section and a percentage number illustrates the inflationary spiral.

PURPOSE: ***To show the progression of the rates and examples of all of the 33 identified mail service categories and postal functions.*** **Note: 'Mail for the Blind' appeared in the Official Gazette's rate schedules, but there are no examples recorded. Rates and postal usages are the focus of this exhibit, showing frankings, usages and markings, plus routes when that is important. The collection illustrates the accelerating inflation, featuring the results of the exhibitor's continuing research, new discoveries and additions.**

ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT ITEMS are double matted in red. All have been expertized signified with '*Certificate*' marking.

Special attention notations are in red italicized text.



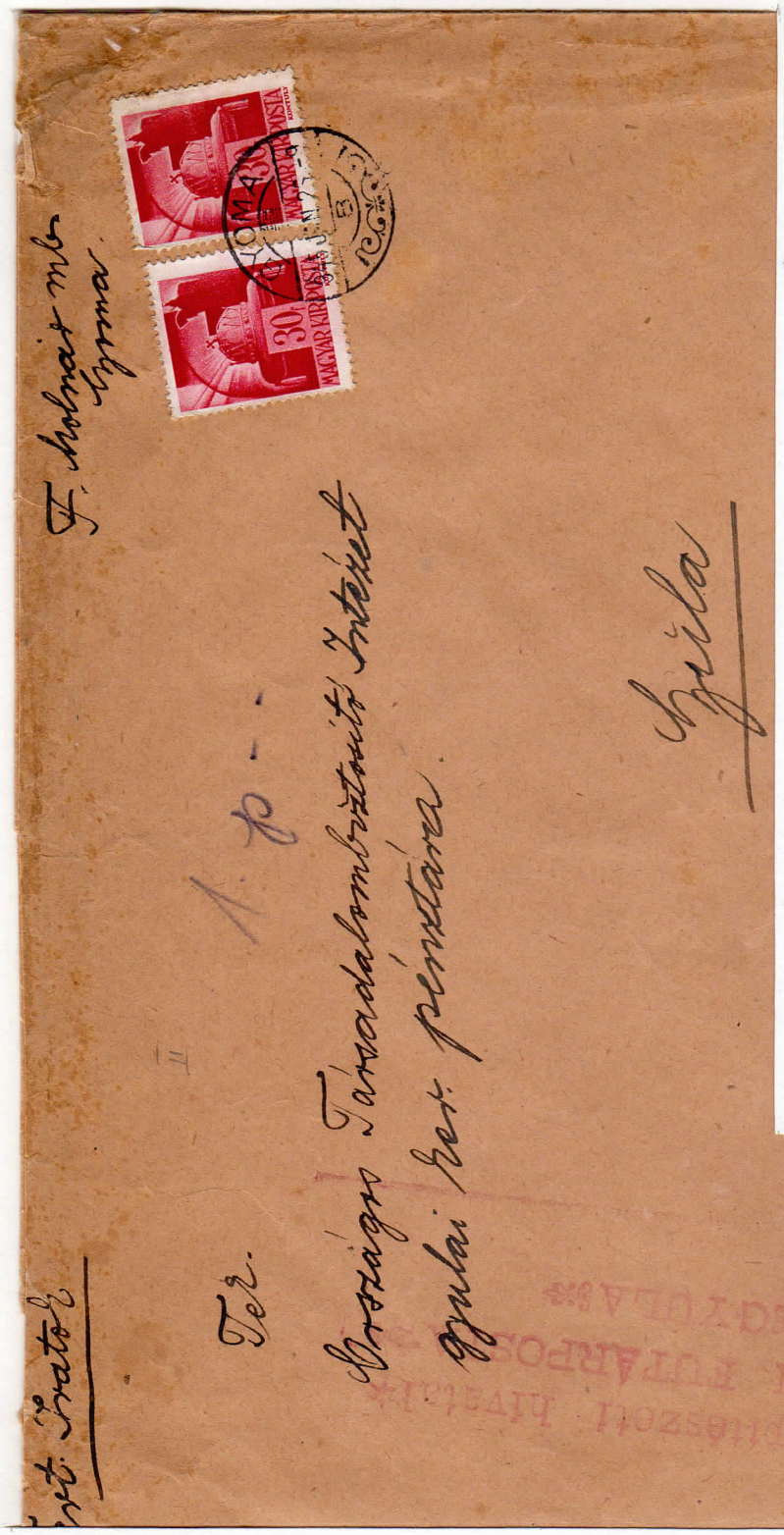
RATE ASSEMBLED "SHINGLE" STYLE with 208 stamps. *Certificate*

Unusual placement with 200x4 million and 8x50 million Pengö stamps.

18th Rate Period.
Gyöngyöspata, June 7, 1946, to Eger, June 8, 1946.
Registered, Domestic letter rate 1,200 milpengö.
(1,200,000,000 Pengö)

Domestic letter.....	**400 million P.**
Registered.....	**800 million P.**
Paid rate.....	**1,200 million P.**

INFLATION FORERUNNER:
GYULA ROAD SENTRY COURIER POST



HUNGARY



BÉKÉS COUNTY
(GYULA)

Translation:
OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS
ROAD SENTRY COURIER POST
GYULA

Államépítészeti hivatal
ÚTŐRI FUTÁRPOSTA
GYULA

While fighting was still raging in different parts of Hungary, Békés county's (Eastern Hungary) deputy-lieutenant Dr.Antal Varga Csiga on January 14,1945 **declared an arbitrary postal rate change:** Local postcard 20 fillér, Domestic postcard 40 fillér, Local letter 40 fillér and Domestic letter 80 fillér (from 12 f., 18 f., 20 f. and 30 fillér) .

This double weight letter was posted Gyoma, Jan.26,1945 (13 days after the arbitrary rate change). The special cachet* was placed on at Gyula and "1 P(engö)" in script was added for the deficiency in rate.

***Type 3/A cachet is one of the *early date for red color use.* (Feb.-March).**

INFLATION FORERUNNERS

While fighting was still raging in different parts of Hungary, six different postal districts started independent postal service.



"Small numeral" variety.

1945
1
pengő

Type II.

NAGYVÁRAD I.
Foreign Mail to USA*

Mail to the USA from this period are extremely rare.

Szatmárnémeti,
March 15, 1945.
> Cluj, Romania,
March 15, 1945.(reverse)
> New York Registry,
July 31, 1945.(reverse)

Registered, Foreign mail,
Paid rate 3.50 Pengö

Flap had to be left open for Censor.

Certificate

NYIREGYHÁZA II.

Nyiregyháza, April 10, 1945.

Domestic letter, paid rate 40 fillér.

40 filler stamp Type I.,4a/f.
Quantity printed in sheets of 12:
2004.
Only 334 exist with perforation all around.

Russian/Hungarian language
Censormark across stamp.



INFLATION FORERUNNERS

"BUDAPEST RATES"

Between March 2, and April 30, 1945, new rates were in effect for 'within' and 'outside' of Budapest's toll boundary.



March 16, 1945,
Irsa to Budapest from 'outside' to 'inside' of toll boundary.

The uprated postal card's new rate 40 fillér was short paid by 2 fillér but was not penalized.

Seldom seen oval postal cancel from *Irsa, Pestmegye* with manuscript date.



April 14, 1945.
Vác to Rákospalota mail from/ to 'outside' of Budapest toll boundary.

The new rate 40 fillér was short paid by 22 fillér. Postage due charged 2x22 fil.=44 fillér.

Mail destined to Rákospalota was handled at Ujpest 1., P.O.

Rate Period 1,
May 1 - July 1,1945 (62 Days)

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 300%

BASIC RATES

	Pengõ/Fillér
Local Postcard	0.40
Local Letter 20gr	0.50
Domestic Postcard	0.60
Domestic Letter 20gr	1.00

FIRST DAY OF INFLATION
'THE FIRST FREE MAY 1'



POSTAGE DUE
Local Letter Rate 50 f.
Underpaid and was charged the difference Due 20 Fillér.

Red 'First Free May 1' cancel: May 1, 1945. Budapest.



UNDATED
'MUTE' CANCELLATION
at destination Pápa

Domestic postcard paid 60 fillér

Posted Sopron May 28, 1945, stamps were not cancelled.
Censor mark at Szombathely.
At destination Pápa, unique type obliteration of stamps.
No inflationary stamps were available yet at time of mailing.

Rate Period 1.

'ABONY' POSTMASTER PROVISIONALS

May 1, Commemorative Cancel.
One of Three recorded example in private collection
(One is in Hungary's National Postal Museum)



Certificate.



Certificat

1st Rate Period. June 5, 1945. Local letter, postage due 1 Pengö.

Abony, Postmaster Provisional Postage Due Overprints.

100 each of the 20 and 40 filler values were individually prepared on May 28, 1945. In use for one month.

End of June, 1945, all remaining stock was confiscated by the Postal authorities and sent to Hungary's National Stamp Museum.

Rate Period 1,

ZAGYVAPÁLFALVA POSTMASTER PROVISIONAL

Two of the five recorded covers.
The only recorded example of the 1 Pengö (Egy P.) denomination.



Certificates

The postmaster Mrs. Joseph Horváth used her typewriter to "print" the provisional stamps. The inscription on the stamps translates to: "One (top) or Three P(engö) / Paid by cash / manuscript initial / Pm.(Postmaster)". The provisional registration label translates as "Registered/Zagyvapálfalva/ (red) initials/143".

Top cover:
June 2, 1945
Domestic Letter
Paid rate 1 Pengö.

Bottom cover:
May 30, 1945

Domestic Letter	1 Pengö
Registered	2 Pengö
Paid rate	3 Pengö

Rate Period 1.

DIPLOMATIC POUCH MAIL to U.S.A.

One of five recorded Consular Mail.
(Three are in this collection)



Certificate

Budapest, June 14, 1945. Regular postal service re-started with the U.S.A. on November 26, 1945.

The earliest known U.S. Consular mail during the Hyperinflation.

As no Foreign rates were established in the 1st Rate Period, paid Local postcard rate 40 fillér.
Note handwriting in upper left corner: 'Approved for pouch' was applied in Budapest.
In Budapest the card was placed in a diplomatic pouch and carried to Washington, D.C.

State Department routing marks: DC = Division of Communications and Research.
M = Mail room
FC = Foreign Country
At the State Department it was placed in the U.S. mail stream.

Rubber stamp by mistake: 'Arrived in bad condition, Washington, D.C.' as well as the customary 'This article originally mailed in country indicated by postage' was applied at the D.C. post office.

(The writer Mr. James Lee was vice consul and disbursing agent at the U.S. Legation in Budapest, from May 9, 1945, until November, 1946.)

Rate Period 1.

Early Mail to Czechoslovakia
HELD IN HUNGARY UNTIL RESUMPTION OF SERVICE



Mailed Budapest, June 19, 1945.

This letter was held until service resumed on October 8, 1945; arrived in Lubica, Czechoslovakia on October 15, 1945 , and Returned with notation and directional label: 'Odcestoval' = Moved. Budapest arrival postmark on reverse October 20, 1945.

When posted, no rate schedule existed for foreign mail.
Paid Domestic letter rate 1 P.
and no penalty was assessed.

PROVISIONAL
Overprinted "T"
POSTAGE DUE

Domestic Postcard rate 60 fillér was short paid 12 fillér.
Postage Due charged 2x12 fillér = 24 fil., (rounded up) 30 fillér.

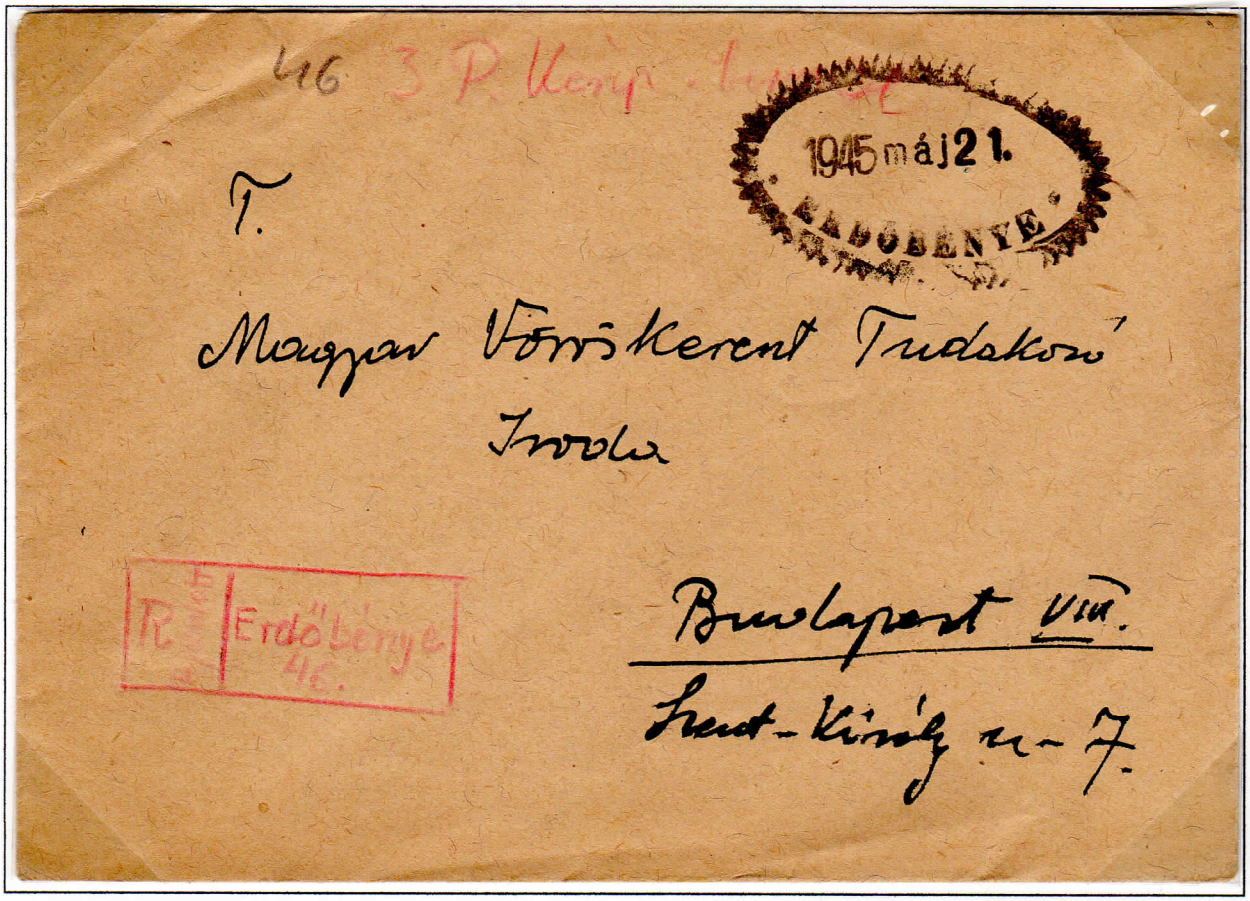
Budapest, May 26, 1945.



Rate Period 1,

FANCY 'SKELETON' PROVISIONAL CANCEL

The Only recorded example oval ERDÖBÉNYE cds.



The lost canceler was substituted with improvised hand made device.

Posted May 21,1945 Domestic-Registered Letter paid rate 3 P.



Szegvár,
June 18, 1945.

As no foreign mail rate schedule existed yet, paid in cash the Domestic letter rate 1 Pengö (manuscript)

EARLY MAIL TO AUSTRIA

Although posted June 18, 1945, it was processed by Censor in Vienna between Jan.2, and mid-March 1946.
Seldom seen 'Joint use' (four powers) Vienna censormark.

Rate Period 2,
July 2 - Sept.15,1945 (76 Days)

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 400%

BASIC RATES

	Pengö/fillér
Local Postcard	1.60
Local Letter up to 20gr	2.00
Domestic Postcard	2.00
Domestic Letter up to 20gr	3.00

"Grace Period" frankings: Paid the previous period's rate within the allowed days. Correctly franked mailings had to be deposited in a Drop Mailbox.
Less than 1% of mailings were Grace Period postings.

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 14 DAYS



UP-RATED POSTAL CARD

Gyöngyös, July 7, 1945.
Paid 1st period's
Domestic Postcard rate 60fil.
imprint 12 fillér included.



T.P.O. NEGATIVE POSTMARK

Szend - Komárom TPO
July 21, 1945

Domestic Postcard, paid 2 P.

Rate Period 2,

INVERTED OVERPRINT

10 filler on 4 filler stamp.



Budapest, August 31, 1945.
Paid Printed Matter
rate 40 fillér.

UP-RATED POSTAL CARD

EXPRESS,

Franking with pre-inflation and inflation stamps, plus imprint incuded in rate paid.
Osopak, July 25,1945

Domestic Postcard	2P
Express	10P
Paid rate	12P



Rate Period 2,

"BUSINESS PAPERS"



Csengöd, August 27, 1945

Differences between Domestic Letters and Business Letters:
Domestic (First Class) Letter's *maximum weight limit* was up to 500gr, rate 4P.
Business Papers' *minimum weight and rate scale starts* at 500gr, rate 3P.

Business Papers from 500gr	**3 P.**
Registered	**5 "**
Return Receipt	**5 "**
Paid rate	**13 P.**

* Tértivevény = Return Receipt
Üzleti Levél = Business Letter (Papers)
Ajánlott = Registered

Rate Period 2,

ILLEGAL USE OF INVOICE-FEE LABEL

One of Two recorded postal use



Two part label top: control, bottom: invoice fee. each 1P

Posted Vác, July 28,1945. Domestic Postcard rate 2 P. Should have been penalized for (2 x missing amount) for 3Pengõ 64fillér.

Ellenörzö Szelvény =
Control Label
Számla Illeték =
Invoice Fee

POSTAGE DUE

Two stamps (underneath the Due stamps) were not valid, withdrawn on 6/30/1945, less than two weeks earlier.

Domestic postal card.
Postage Due (2x deficiency)
1.80 Pengö rounded up to
2 Pengö.

Budapest, July 11, 1945.



Rate Period 2.

NEWSPAPER

One of Four recorded
(Three are in this collection)



Hajdu Mihályné urnőnek
Csongrád (Andrássy-u. 2)

„FÉVBE"-BÉLYEG-NAPOK

Budapest, 1945. szeptember 2–9.

Filatéliai Kurir

A „FÉVBE" FŐVÁROSI ÉS VIDÉKI BÉLYEGGYŰJTŐK EGYESÜLETE „BÉLYEG-NAPOK" ÉRTESITŐJE

„Févbe" Fővárosi és Vidéki Bélyeggyűjtők Egyesülete
Budapest, VI., Andrássy-út 8.

Bélyegnapok:
Szeptember 3-án és 7-én Budapesten, 9-én Pestszenterzsébeten

Három uj magyar bélyegsorozat a láthatáron

Szeptember 7-re várható a „Szakszervezeti" sorozat.

A magyar posta tovább folytatja a bélyegek gyors ütemű kiadását.

Szeptember 7-én a párisi szakszervezeti kongresszus emlékére postánk is kiad egy 8 értékes sorozatot, Konecsni György művészi bélyegrajzai alapján. A tervek szerint a „Szakszervezeti sort" csak 50 ezer példányban adják ki, melynek felét ...állí...

A „Szakszervezeti" sort az újjáépítési sorozat követi, amely azonban általános forgalmú lesz.

A harmadik kiadásra kerülő sor a Nemzeti Segély javára készülő „vértanu"-sorozat lesz.

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A Févbe igazolt tagjai a „Szakszervezeti sorozatot" 60 pengőért jegyezhetik. Az elő...

gyüjtő, mivel továbbá a háború okozta pusztítás sajnos a filatéliai értékeket sem kímélte, sőt pótolhatatlan, igen komoly károkat okozott és így mintegy előkészítette a bélyeghamisítás lukratív elharapódzását, feltétlenül szükségesnek tartom, hogy úgy az amatőr bélyeggyüjtők, mint a tisztességes bélyegkereskedelem a legsürgősebben az egész világra kiterjedő nemzetközi szervezet felállításáról gondoskodjon.

Newspapers were seldom franked with stamps.
Budapest, September 2, 1945, to Csongrád. Paid rate .40 filler.

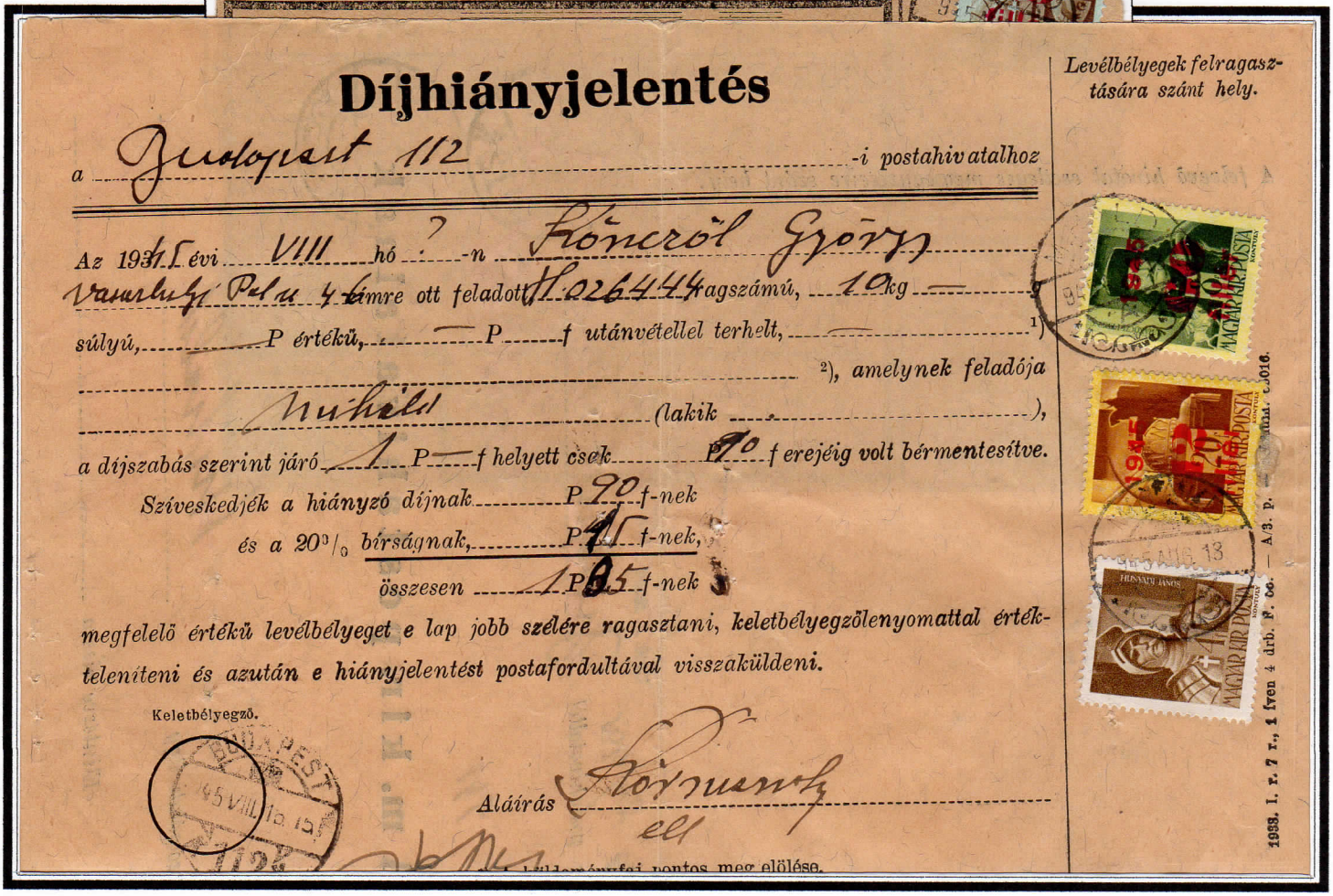
Rate Period 2,

PARCEL POST / REQUEST TO SENDER FOR POSTAGE DUE

Miháld, August 13, 1945

One of Two recorded 'Report (and collect) fee deficiency' document.





Díjhiányjelentés

Levélbélyegek felragasztására szánt hely.

a Budapest 112 -i postahivatalhoz

Az 1945 évi VIII hó ? -n Flöncről György

Vasvirág Pál u 4 számra ott feladott H 026444 ragszámú, 10 kg súlyú, — P értékű, — P — f utánvétellel terhelt, [1]) — [2]), amelynek feladója Miháld (lakik —), a díjszabás szerint járó 1 P — f helyett csak P 90 f erejéig volt bérmentesítve.

Szíveskedjék a hiányzó díjnak P 90 f-nek

és a 20% bírságnak, P 15 f-nek,

összesen 1 P 05 f-nek

megfelelő értékű levélbélyeget e lap jobb szélére ragasztani, keletbélyegzőlenyomattal értéktelenníteni és azután e hiányjelentést postafordultával visszaküldeni.

Keletbélyegző.

Aláírás Körmendy

elő

küldeményfaj pontos megjelölése.

1933. I. r. 7 r., 1 íven 4 drb. P. 60. — A/3. P. — Nyomt. 6.016.

Receiving P.O. (Bpest 112) noticed deficiency of rate paid,
Notified dispatching P.O. (Mihald) to collect deficient amount and penalty. Fee was collected by means of adhesives placed on 'Dijhiányjelentés' / Report of fee deficiency / document.

Shortage..... .90 fillér
20% Penalty ..... .15 " .(should be .18)
Total collected ..... 1.05 Pengö

Excess in stamps affixed .01 fillér.

Rate Period 2.

SZIKSZÓ POSTMASTER PROVISIONAL

Unique use of Juridical Court-Fee stamps.



Szikszó, August 23, 1945. *Certificate*

Acute stamp shortage caused the Szikszó Postmaster for the provisional use of Juridical Court-Fee stamps. Paid Registered, Local letter rate 7 Pengö.



Local letter	2 Pengö
Registered	5 Pengö
Paid rate	7 Pengö

4.80 Pengö on reverse.

Illustrated in 'Monograph of Hungarian Stamps' Vol. V.,p.239.

Rate Period 2,

UNDATED 'MUTE' OBLITERATION

The unsealed letter was posted at Győr, the applied stamps 12.30 Pengö (10.20 P. on reverse) were not cancelled: date unknown. The short-paid Registered, Express, Domestic letter was misplaced and postally mishandled. Budapest's Postal Central Control on August 24, 1946, obliterated the stamps with 'Mute' markings and not knowing the posted date, added no penalty. In effect, the delay made the requested 'Express' service obsolete.

Correct rate: Domestic letter: 3 P., Registered: 5 P., Express: 10 P.,= 18 Pengö.



Certificate



MOURNING LETTER

Kalocsa, August 27, 1945.

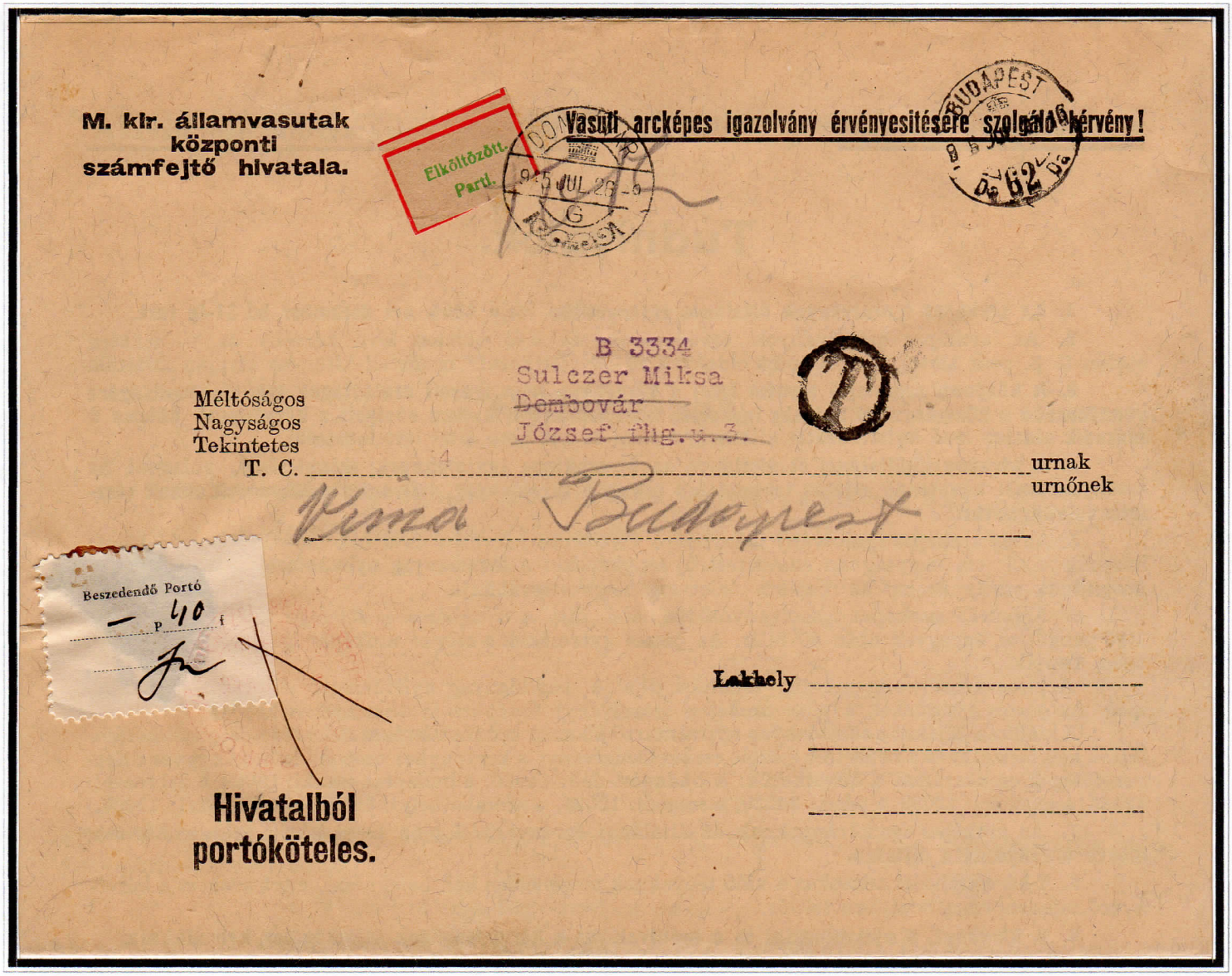
Paid Printed Matter rate 0.40 fillér

Rate Period 2,

"OFFICIALLY DISPATCHED/POSTAGE PAYABLE BY ADDRESSEE"

PROVISIONAL "POSTAGE DUE" STAMP

One of Two recorded provisional 'Postage Due' stamp on cover.



Certificate

Budapest, July 24, 1945 Paid Printed Matter up to 100gr rate 40 fillér.

Seldom seen *"Officially Dispatched / Postage Payable by Addressee"* mail, no penalty to addressee at Printed Matter rate. **Provisional Postage Due Label** "Collect postage 40 fillér" tied to cover with (faint red cds) "Paid rate in cash / 945,Jul.26 / Dombóvár" . Provisional assessment was voided with a manuscript **"X".** Return directional label "Moved". Mail was returned to Sender.

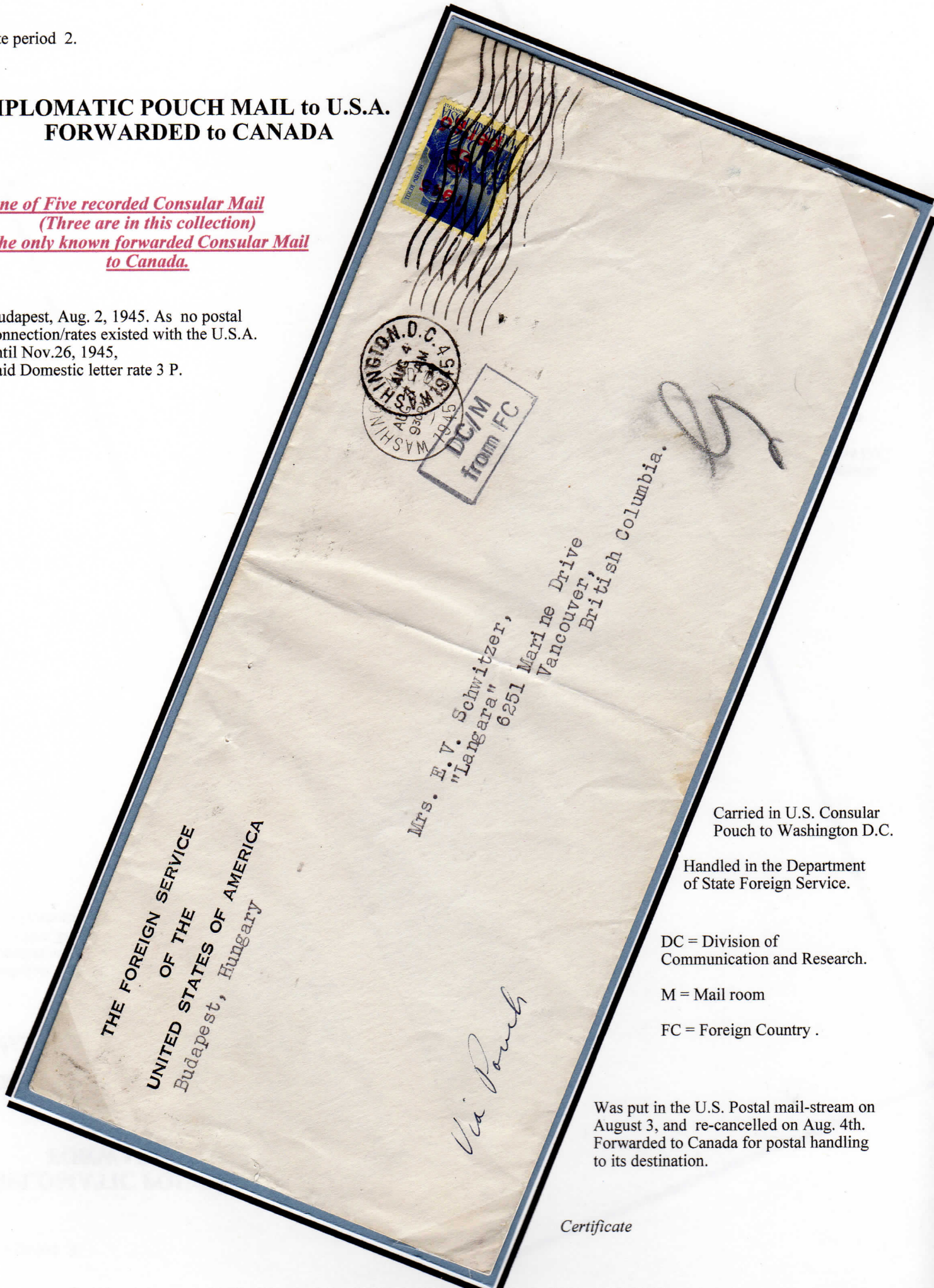
Illustrated in Magyar Bélyegek Monográfiája Vol.I. p.297.

Rate period 2.

DIPLOMATIC POUCH MAIL to U.S.A. FORWARDED to CANADA

One of Five recorded Consular Mail
(Three are in this collection)
The only known forwarded Consular Mail to Canada.

Budapest, Aug. 2, 1945. As no postal connection/rates existed with the U.S.A. until Nov.26, 1945,
paid Domestic letter rate 3 P.



Carried in U.S. Consular Pouch to Washington D.C.

Handled in the Department of State Foreign Service.

DC = Division of Communication and Research.

M = Mail room

FC = Foreign Country .

Was put in the U.S. Postal mail-stream on August 3, and re-cancelled on Aug. 4th. Forwarded to Canada for postal handling to its destination.

Certificate

Rate Period 3,
Sept.16 - Oct.31,1945 (46 Days)

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 300%

BASIC RATES

	Pengö
Local Postcard	4
Local Letter 20gr	6
Domestic Postcard	6
Domestic Letter 20gr	10

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 15 DAYS

Out of ordinary use: 'Single' stamp for combination payment of Registry and Domestic Letter rate.
Fully paid/franked and marked Registered mail was allowed to be 'dropped in a mailbox'.



Makó, Sept.17, 1945.

Paid 2nd period's rate:

Domestic Letter	3P.
Registered	5P.
Paid rate	8P.

FIVE LANGUAGE METER

Budapest, October 30, 1945. Local letter paid rate 6 Pengö.
Mailed by "Hungarian Commercial Bank of Pest" with five languages in the meter:
French, Russian, English, German and Hungarian.

Rate Period 3.

THE FEWEST KIND OF INVERTED OVERPRINT

7 Pengö on 1 Pengö stamp



REGISTERED, LOCAL LETTER

Budapest, Oct. 20, 1945.

Local letter ... 6 P.
Registered... 20 P.
Paid rate.. 26 P.

'FRAGILE' SURCHARGE

on C.O.D. PARCEL POST Zone III.

Budapest to Kunszentmiklós, October 8, 1945.

1.2 kg parcel	30 P.
Insurance	20 P.
'Fragile' surcharge	10 P.
C.O.D. 7000 Pengö	18 P.
Paid rate	78 P.

(70 Pengö in stamps on reverse)



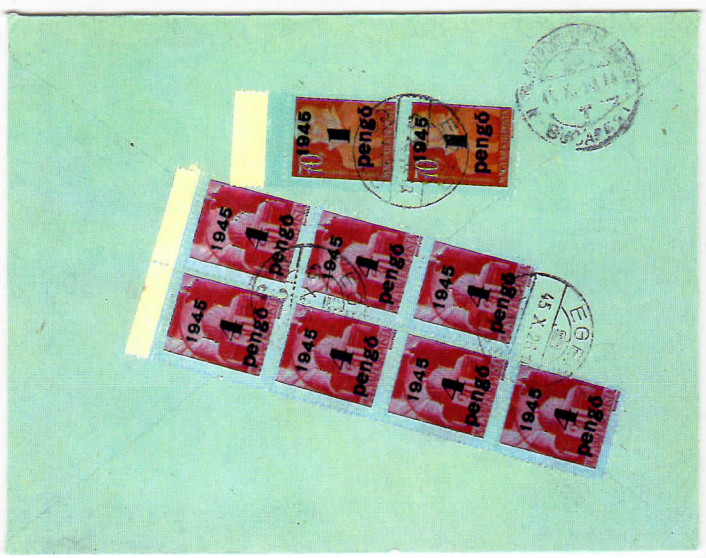
Rate Period 3,

PROPER USE OF SEMI-POSTALS

One of Two recorded 'Martyrs' covers



"Martyrs" Semi-Postal Stamps. 100% surcharge for the "Children's" benefit.
The surcharge could not be counted in rate paid.



Eger, Oct. 25, 1945.

Domestic Letter up to 20gr	10 P.
Registered.....	20 P.
Express (Special Delivery).....	30 P.
Paid rate.....	60 P.

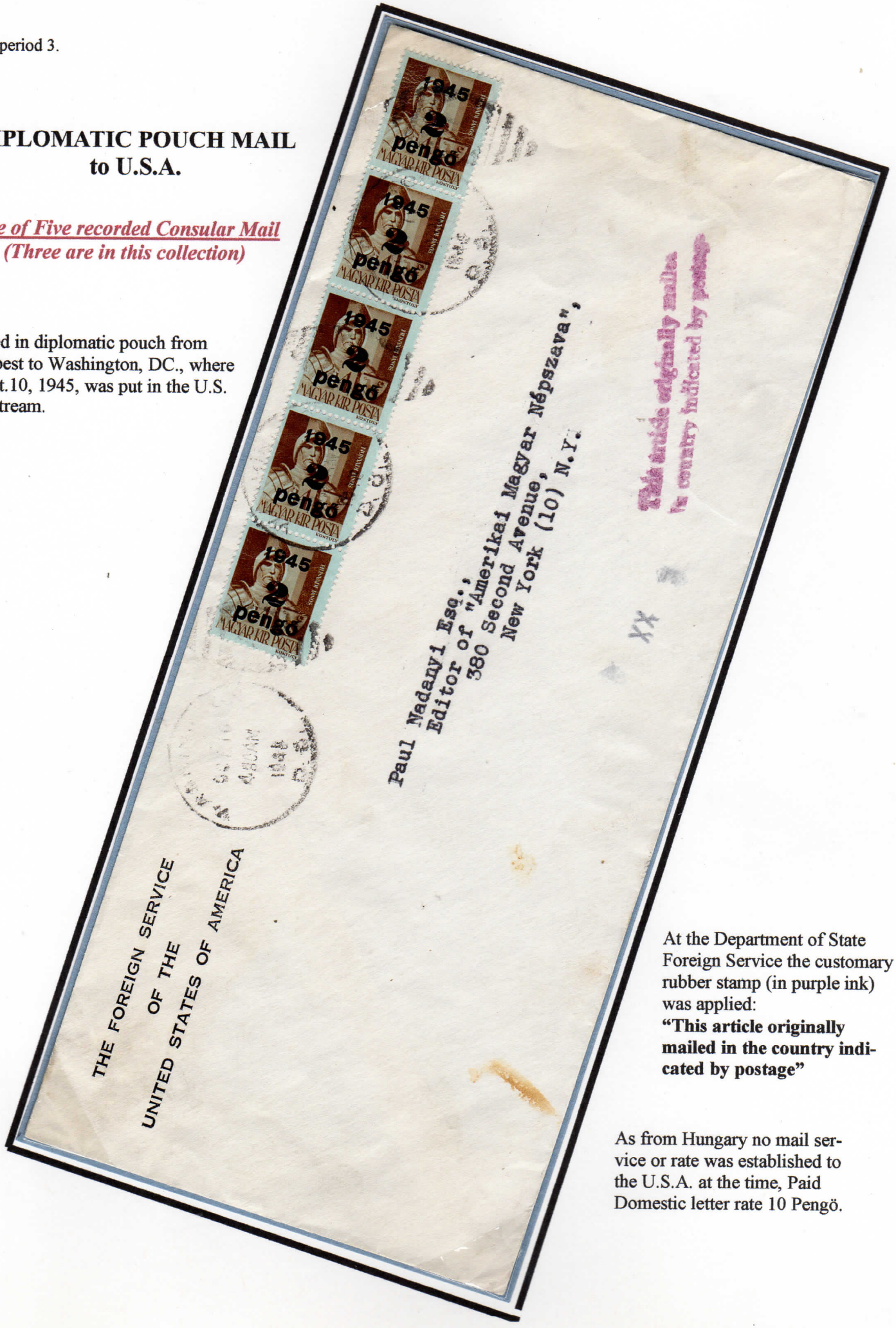
(30 Pengö stamps on reverse)

Rate period 3.

DIPLOMATIC POUCH MAIL to U.S.A.

One of Five recorded Consular Mail
(Three are in this collection)

Carried in diplomatic pouch from Budapest to Washington, DC., where on Oct.10, 1945, was put in the U.S. mail stream.



At the Department of State Foreign Service the customary rubber stamp (in purple ink) was applied:
"This article originally mailed in the country indicated by postage"

As from Hungary no mail service or rate was established to the U.S.A. at the time, Paid Domestic letter rate 10 Pengö.

Rate Period 3.

OCTUPLE WEIGHT (8x) PRINTED MATTER

The Heaviest Printed Matter on Record.

Budapest, October 12, 1945. Paid up to 2,000 gr rate 30 Pengö.



VALUE DECLARED AND C.O.D. PARCEL

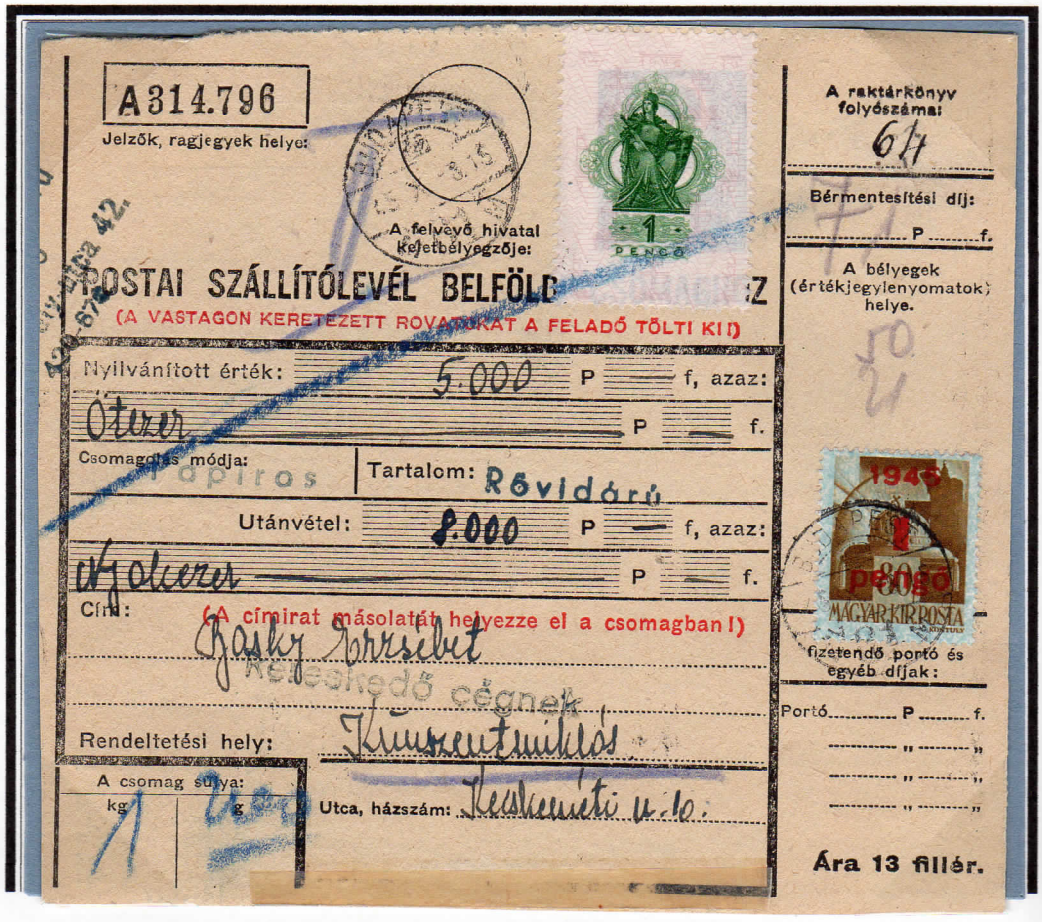
Budapest, Oct. 8, 1945, to
Kiskunszentmiklós = Postal Zone III.

Value declared 5,000 Pengö.
C.O.D. 8,000 P., weight 1kg 200gr.

Correct calculation:
Weight ..... 30 P.
Value declared (per 10eP). 20 P.
C.O.D. charge for 1st eP ..... 5 P.
3P each add'l 1eP (x7) ..... 21 P.
Correct rate ..... 76 P.

Did not charge for 1st COD 1,000 P.
Underpaid rate 5 Pengö.

(70 Pengö on reverse)

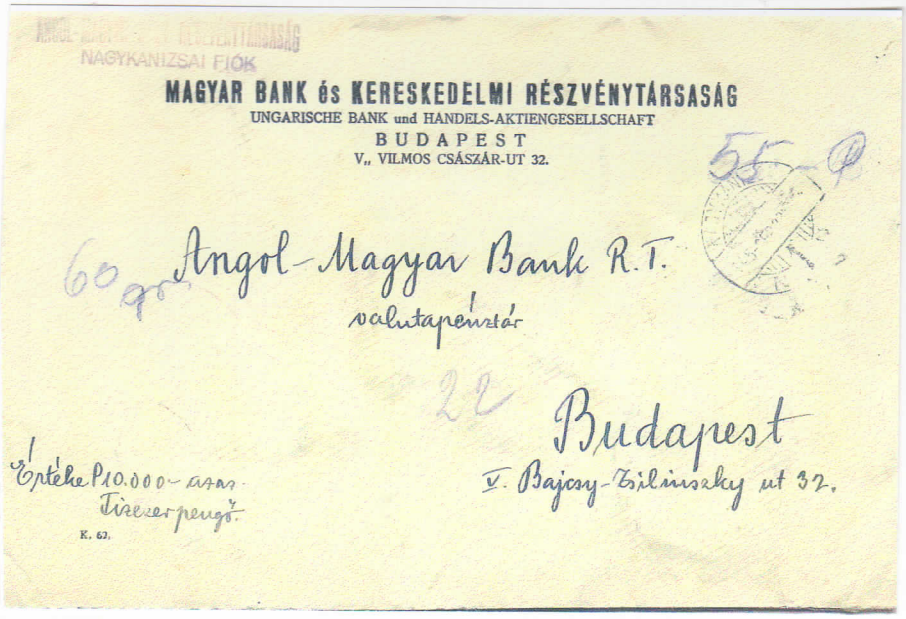


Rate period 3.

INSURED, VALUE DECLARED LETTER



Nagykanizsa to Budapest, September 29, 1945. Contained 10,000 Pengö in banknotes. Note that strict regulation was followed for insured mail: each stamp was individually placed, never in multiples, signatures on flaps.


NAGYKANIZSAI FIÓK

MAGYAR BANK és KERESKEDELMI RÉSZVÉNYTÁRSASÁG
UNGARISCHE BANK und HANDELS-AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
BUDAPEST
V., VILMOS CSÁSZÁR-UT 32.

60 gr Angol-Magyar Bank R.T.
valutapénztár

Budapest
V. Bajcsy-Zilinszky út 32.

Értéke P10.000.– azaz Tízezer pengő.

K. 62.

Value declared for insurance: 10,000 Pengö
Weight: 60gr (Double weight)

Double weight Domestic letter	**15 P.**
Registered	**20 P.**
***Insurance**	**20 P.**
Paid rate	**55 P.**

***Rate 20 Pengö per 10,000 Pengö declared.**

Rate Period 3,

ILLEGAL (LATE) USE OF DE-VALUED STAMP

KERÜLETI KERESKEDELMI ÉS IPARKAMARA, MISKOLC

54110-6/1945.

194.....

Nagyméltóságú
Méltóságos
Nagyságos
Tekintetes

MAGYAR CZUKORIPAR RT.

cégnek — úrnak — úrnőnek



SZERENCS.

Hivatalból

Miskolc, September 19, 1945. Domestic letter paid rate 10 Pengö.
The seldom seen 5 Pengö 'Horthy' stamp was withdrawn August 15, 1945.
Illegal use after de-valuation date should have been disallowed and penalized.
Backstamped Szerencs, September 21, 1945.



POSTAGE DUE

Domestic letter mailed without postage
Budapest, Oct. 6, 1945.

Letter rate	**10 Pengö**
Penalty	**10 Pengö**
Dues affixed	**20 Pengö**

(25 x 60 filler = 15 Pengö dues stamps on reverse)

Processed for postage due at Sopron, October 7, 1945.

Rate Period 3,

TELEGRAM

POSTAL DELIVERY TO RURAL AREA

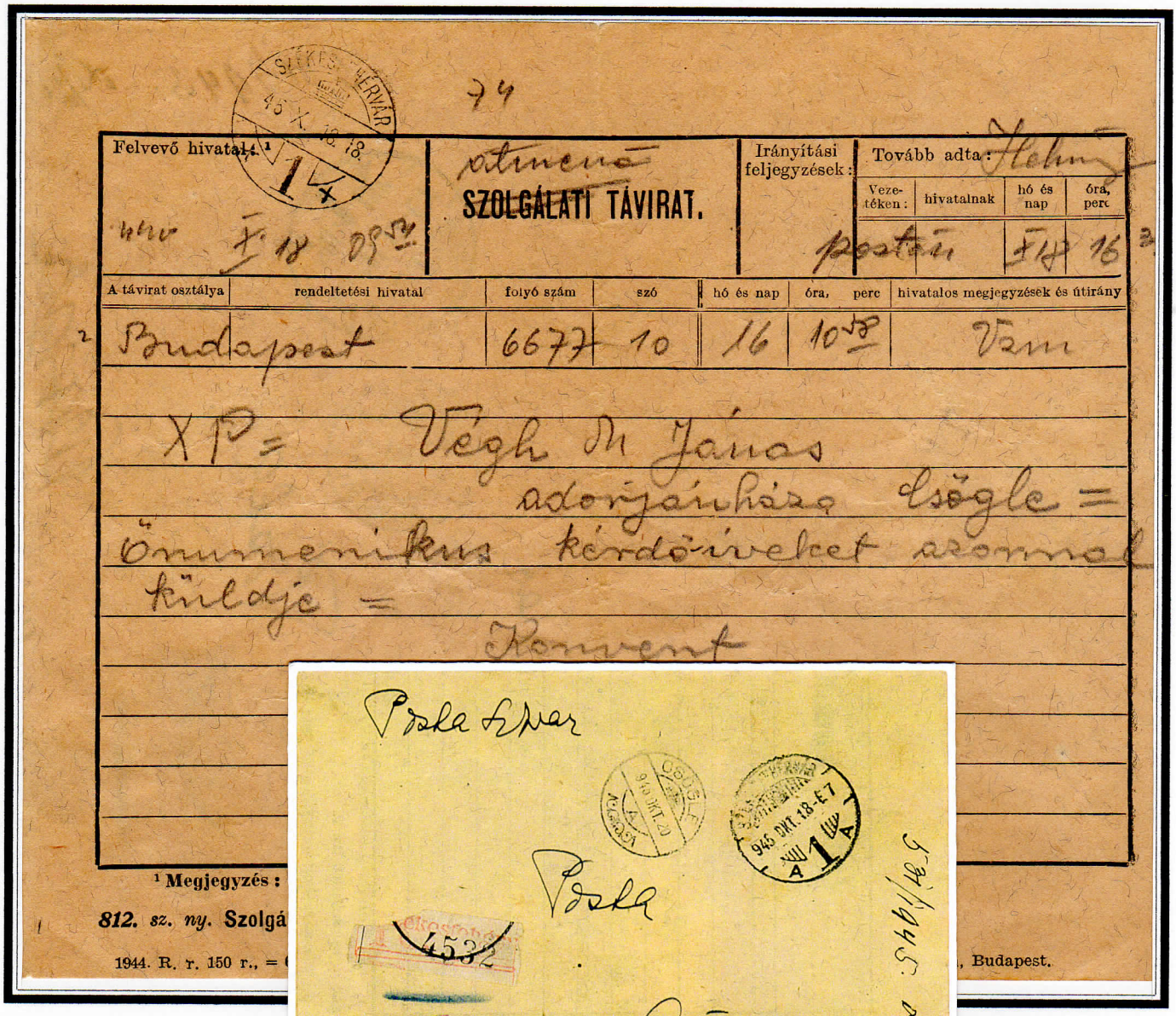
One of Two recorded examples.

10 word message from Budapest to Csögle, forwarded to Adorjánháza.
Rate paid per (telegram) word 5 P.= 50 P., for postal handling: Registered 20 P., Messenger (XP) 100 Pengö.

Accepted at Budapest October 16, 1945, 10:58 AM. As Csögle had no telegraph office, the message was wired to the nearest telegram station at Székesfehérvár on October 18, 9:54 AM.

Székesfehérvár post office's telegraph section processed the message by copying it on the form marked as 'Transit Telegram' and handed it over to the post office's delivery section at 4:30 PM.

Postal delivery accepted it on October 18, 6PM. Prepared the reverse side with instruction to be sent to Csögle (population 1,235) post office, placed provisional Registry and Express labels on for processing methods, and sent it on its way (snail mail) by 7 PM. Csögle post office received it on October 20, marked it for forwarding to the neighboring Adorjánháza (population 866) and assumedly on the same day was delivered to the addressee.



Rate Period 4,
Nov.1 - Nov.15,1945 (15 Days)

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 600%

BASIC RATES

	Pengö
Local Postcard	24
Local Letter 20gr	40
Domestic Postcard	40
Domestic Letter 20gr	60



"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 15 DAYS

DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER, REGISTERED, EXPRESS

Violation to P.O. regulation: processed at P.O. window at the "Grace Period" rate!

First Day (of period) Cover. **Debrecen,Nov.1,1945.**

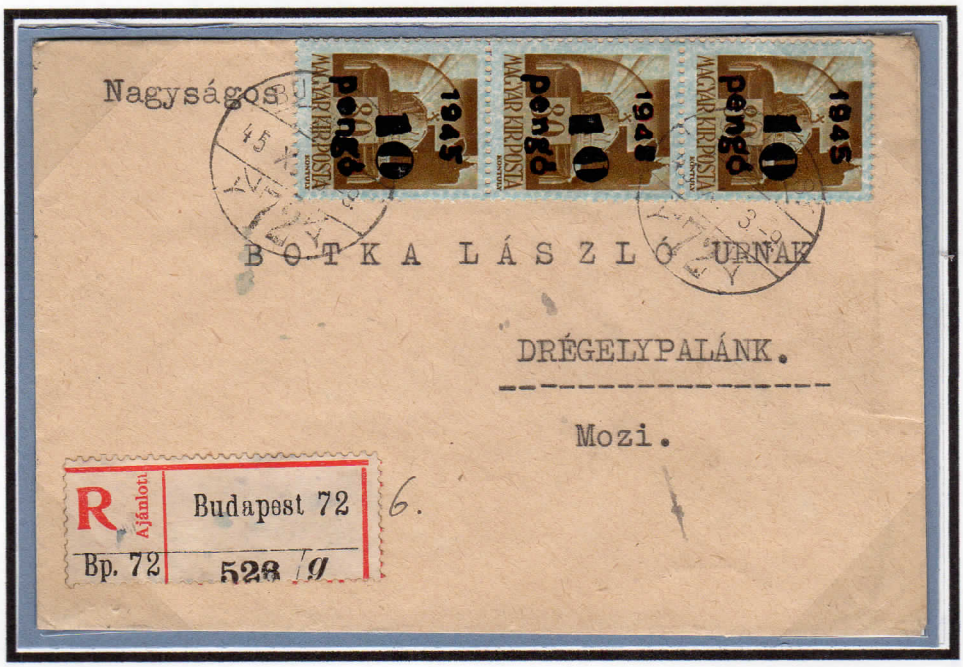
Domestic Letter,	
Double weight	15 P.
Registered	20 "
Express	30 "
Paid 3rd period's rate	65 P.

Rate Period 4.

POSTAL COUNTERFEIT

Unique Example

Genuine stamp with fraudulent overprint intended to defraud the Post Office.



Budapest, Nov.3, 1945.

'Grace Period'
paid 3rd period's rate.

Domestic letter	10 P.
Registered	20 P.
Paid rate	30 P.

Certificate

IMPRINT DE-VALIDATED with "X"
Per regulation, imprint had to be obliterated "X" with blue crayon.

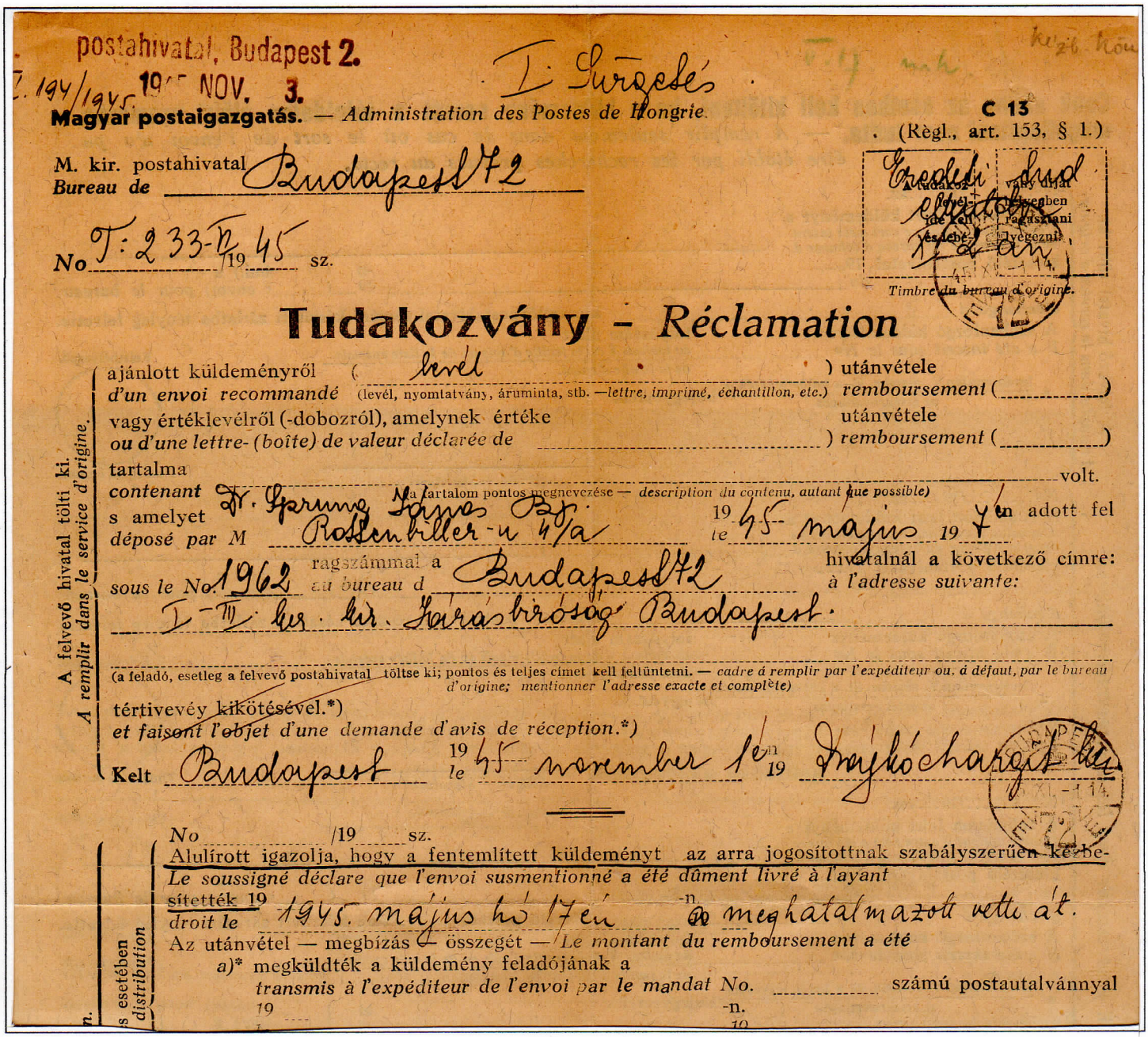
Last Day Cover.
Gyügye, Nov.15,1945

Domestic postcard
Paid rate 40 Pengö.



Rate Period 4.

First Follow-up to a previous INQUIRY



postahivatal, Budapest 2.
19[illegible] NOV. 3.
I. 194/1945.

I. Sürgősen

Magyar postaigazgatás. — Administration des Postes de Hongrie.

C 13
(Règl., art. 153, § 1.)

M. kir. postahivatal
Bureau de Budapest 72

No T: 233-II/19 45 sz.

Tudakozó levél- (de kell) táviratban (és lebélyegzett) vagy díjat fizetett fagyasztani végezni

Timbre du bureau d'origine.

Tudakozvány - Réclamation

A felvevő hivatal tölti ki. — A remplir dans le service d'origine.

ajánlott küldeményről (levél) utánvétele
d'un envoi recommandé (levél, nyomtatvány, áruminta, stb. — lettre, imprimé, échantillon, etc.) remboursement (_____)
vagy értéklevélről (-dobozról), amelynek értéke utánvétele
ou d'une lettre-(boîte) de valeur déclarée de _____) remboursement (_____)
tartalma _____ volt.
contenant (A tartalom pontos megnevezése — description du contenu, autant que possible)
s amelyet Dr. Sarung János B.S. Rosenbiller-u 4/a 19 45 május 7-én adott fel
déposé par M ragszámmal a hivatalnál a következő címre:
sous le No 1962 au bureau d Budapest 72 à l'adresse suivante:
I-III. ker. kir. Járásbíróság Budapest.

(a feladó, esetleg a felvevő postahivatal töltse ki; pontos és teljes címet kell feltüntetni. — cadre à remplir par l'expéditeur ou, à défaut, par le bureau d'origine; mentionner l'adresse exacte et complète)

tértivevény kikötésével.*)
et faisant l'objet d'une demande d'avis de réception.*)

Kelt Budapest 19 45 november 1-én 19 Dr. Jójókhangot

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s esetében — distribution

No _____/19____ sz.
Alulírott igazolja, hogy a fentemlített küldeményt az arra jogosítottnak szabályszerűen kézbesítették 19
Le soussigné déclare que l'envoi susmentionné a été dûment livré à l'ayant droit le 1945. május hó 17-én -n a meghatalmazott vette át.
Az utánvétel — megbízás — összegét — Le montant du remboursement a été
a)* megküldték a küldemény feladójának a
transmis à l'expéditeur de l'envoi par le mandat No. _____ számú postautalvánnyal
19 -n.

Investigation
about a missing registered letter that was mailed on May 7, 1945, at the Budapest, No. 72. P.O.

The original Inquiry dated October 2, 1945, and paid 120 Pengö rate for the service. For this follow-up investigation dated November 1, 1945, no further charge was assessed.

Result of Investigation: The May 7, 1945, registered mail was delivered to the authorized person on May 17, 1945.

Dates of postal markings: November 1; November 3, and November 6, 1945.

Rate Period 4,
Nov.1 - 15,1945 (15 Days)

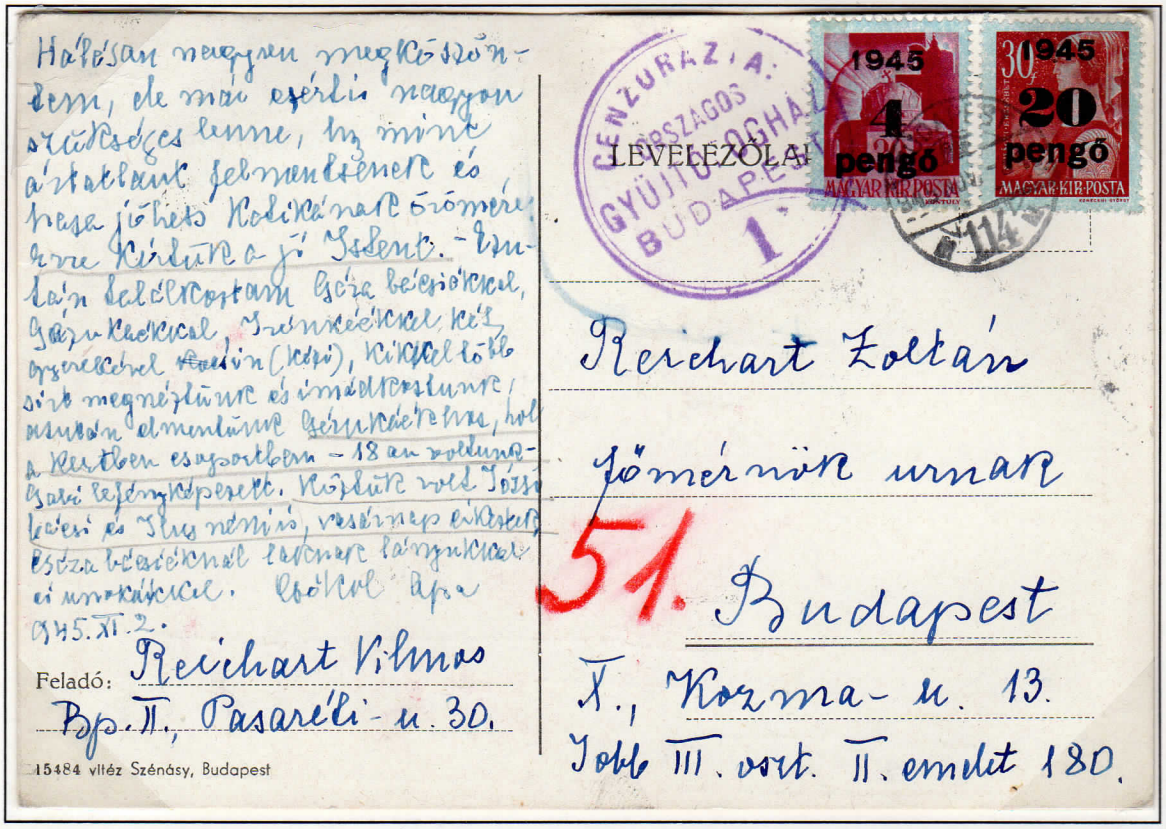
INCORRECT POSTAGE DUE CHARGED

Unfranked mail (deposited in mailbox) to pay double the new rate's deficiency (should have been 240 Pengö). This Postage Due incorrectly charged double the old rate and paid 120 Pengö.

Pécel, Nov.13,1945

on reverse
48 x 2 Pengö
Dues stamps





PRISON CENSORMARK

"FEWEST STAMPS USED" Franking

Budapest, Nov.6,1945
Paid Local Postcard rate 24 P.

"51" probably prisoner's number

Rate Period 5,
Nov.16,1945 - Jan.13,1946 (59 Days)

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 200%

BASIC RATES

	Pengö
Local Postcard	50
Local Letter 20gr	80
Domestic Postcard	80
Domestic Letter 20gr	120

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 15 DAYS

ILLUSTRATED ADVERTISING METER

One of Two known example.



First Day (of period) Cover. Posted: Budapest,Nov.16,1945

Paid 4th period's Local Letter rate 40 Pengö

From "Hangya" a workers association publicizing to buy business shares (deposit money) in theire Labor Union.



SEMI-POSTALS "PEACE" ISSUE

Budapest, Dec.20,1945.

Domestic Postcard	80 P.
Paid 4th period rate	40 P.
Underpaid rate because surcharge was not valid towards postage.	40 P.

Rate Period 5.

DESTINATION LIECHTENSTEIN

One of Two recorded letter to Liechtenstein.



Budapest, Dec.10, 1945

Paid Foreign letter rate 500 Pengö.

Re-starting mail service to Liechtenstein was not specified in the official records.

DESTINATION TURKEY

The Only recorded mail to Turkey.

EARLY MAIL TO TURKEY

Budapest, December 20, 1945. Transit marks on reverse: Istanbul, December 29, 1945, Ankara, December 30, 1945.

Paid Foreign letter rate 500 P.

Official re-starting date for mail service to Turkey, June 1, 1946.

This cover demonstrate mail service to Turkey existed more than five months prior to June 1, 1946.

Did this letter went through because sender requested transmittal via Yugoslavia? Mail service to Yugoslavia re-started August 6, 1945.



Rate Period 5,

Contrary to regulation
REVENUE STAMPS USED AS POSTAGE DUE



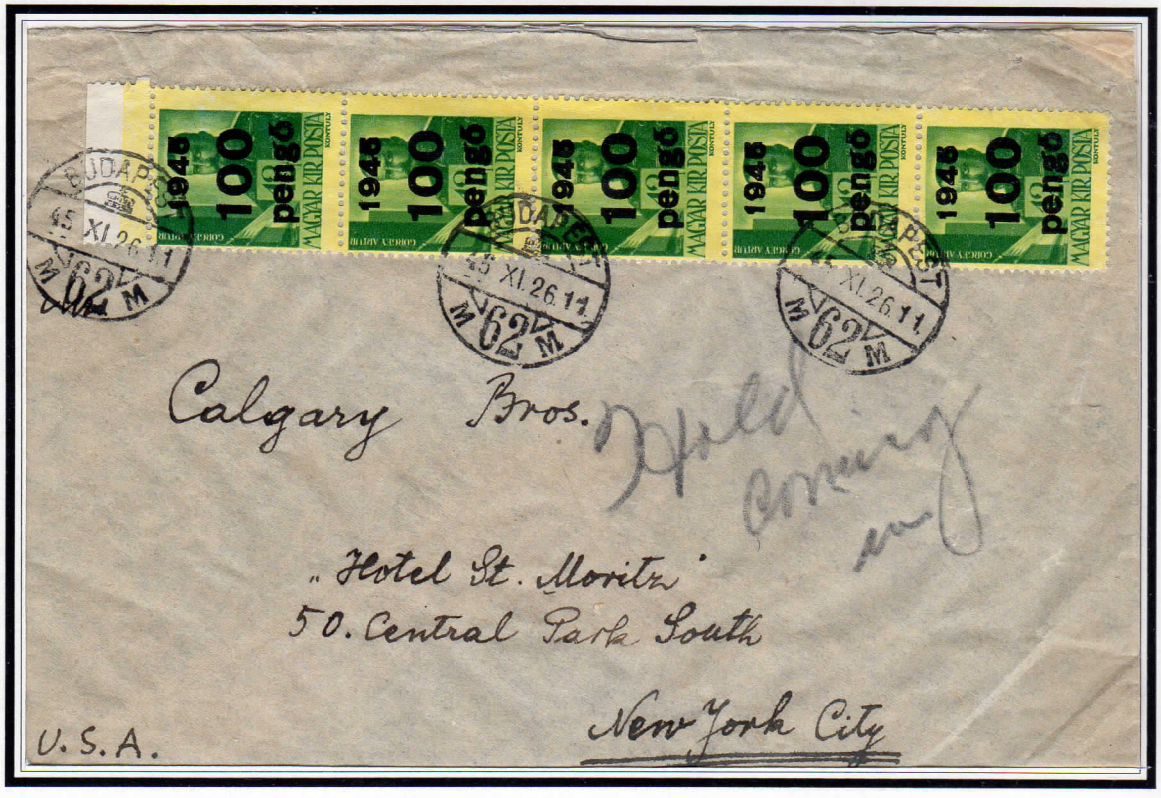
Posted Budapest, Nov. 23, 1945. Addresse's Post Office: Dunaharaszti marked it 'T120'/Postage Due and placed the Documentary stamps on *before* attempted delivery. Addressee refused (to pay?) and mailman hand marked (on top) "Did not accepted it/signed". Mailman then placed "Refused" label on with his signature. Dunakeszi Post Office re-directed the letter to sender with forwarding label/ cds Dec. 10,1945. Return arrival cds on reverse Dec. 12,1945.

Hivatalból/ Portóköteles = Official Mail/ Addressee pays rate

Rate Period 5,

FIRST DAY LETTERS TO U.S.A.

Postal connection to U.S.A. re-started on November 26,1945.



Surface Mail
Budapest, **Nov.26,1945.**

Paid rate 500 Pengö



Surface Mail, Registered

Budapest, **Nov. 26, 1945**
New York arrival Dec. 25.
Delivery note: 'Left no address, undeliverable 12/26'
Returned to sender?

Foreign letter	500 P.
Registered	1,000 P.
Paid rate	1,500 P.

Rate period 5,

CENSOR-TAPE: *The Only recorded complete copy.*



Budapest, Dec.20,1945.

Doubleweight domestic letter paid rate 180 P. (overpaid 20 P.)

← Censored either at Karcag or Szolnok

EARLY-DATE MAIL TO THE NETHERLANDS

Mail service with the Netherlands was suspended in February 1946, and was re-started on July 11, 1946.
One of Three recorded mail to the Netherlands (Two are in this collection)

The earliest known mail to the Netherlands.

Gyarmatpuszta (pop.171)
January 1, 1946.
Handled at
Gyermely, Postal Agency.

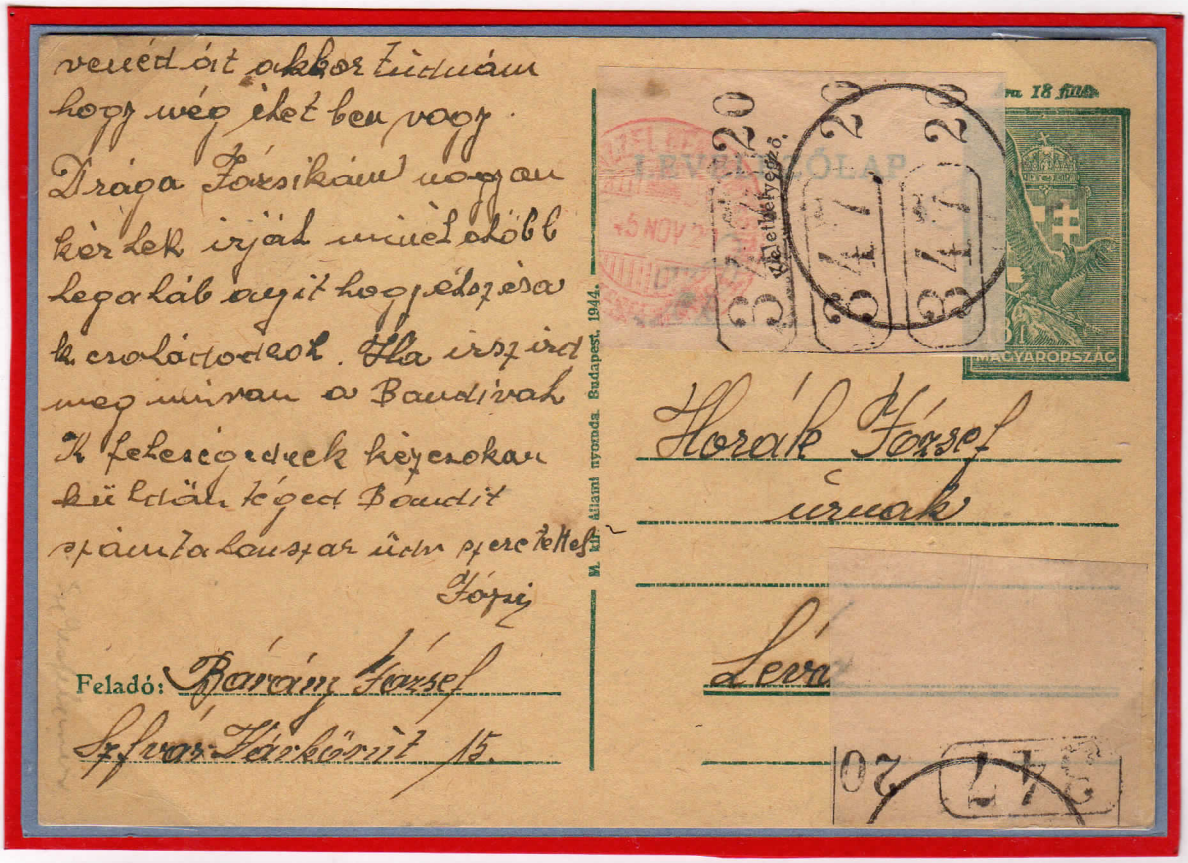
Paid Foreign postcard rate
300 Pengö



Rate Period 5.

SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR POSTMASTER PROVISIONAL

The Only Two recorded covers (below)



November 21,1945.
Székesfehérvár 1.

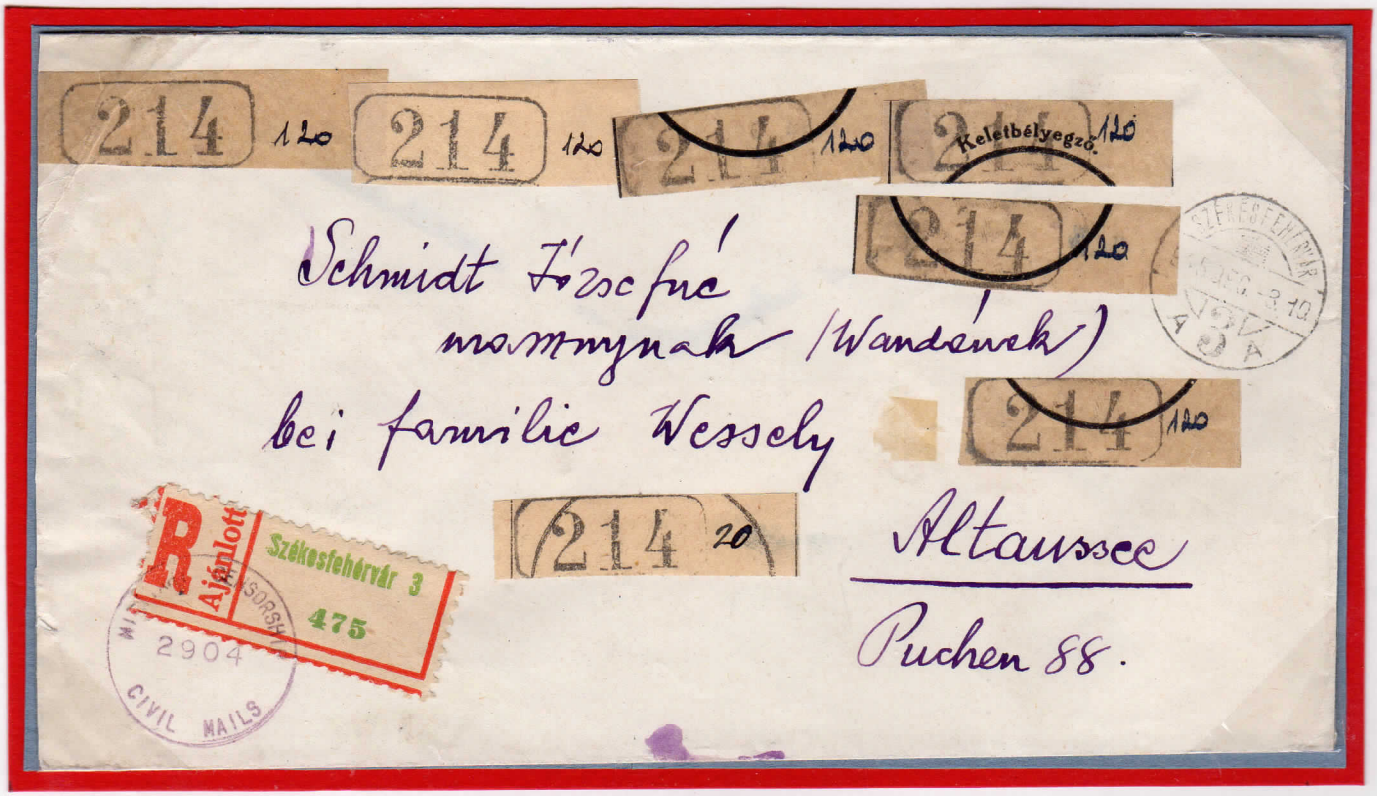
The Postmaster created 4x20P. 'stamps' by printing '347' control number and '20' for Pengö value on portions of postal labels.

The red circular 'Paid by Cash' datestamp acknowledged the money received.

Paid Domestic postcard rate 80 Pengö.

The 18 filler postal card imprint was minimal value and not counted in rate paid.

Certificate



Certificate

December 3, 1945, Székesfehérvár 3. The Postmaster created the 'stamp' by printing '214' control number and manuscript wrote the value (6x120 and 1x20) for Pengös on the partial postal labels. Paid Registered Foreign letter fee 740 Pengö (mistakenly charged domestic 240 P., instead of foreign registry fee 1,000P/short paid 760 P.).

Rate Period 6,
Jan.14 - Jan.31,1946 (18 Days)

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 500%

BASIC RATES

	Pengö
Local Postcard	300
Local Letter 20gr	400
Domestic Postcard	400
Domestic Letter 20gr	600

FIRST PROVISIONAL STAMP SERIES WITHOUT NUMERICAL VALUES

Overprint	Designated For	Translation	Assigned Value	
Any.I.	Nyomtatvány	Printed Matter	150	Pengö
Hlp.I.	Helyi Levelezö lap	Local Postcard	300	"
Hl.I.	Helyi Levél	Local Letter	400	"
Tlp.I.	Távolsági Levelezö Lap	Distance Postcard	400	"
Tl.I.	Távolsági Levél	Distance Letter	600	"
Ajl.I.	Ajánlás	Registered	1,200	"
* Cs.5.I.	Csomag 5kg	Parcel 5kg	3,000	"
* Cs.10.I.	Csomag 10kg	Parcel 10kg	6,000	"

Valid only on Domestic mail because UPU regulations prohibit the use of stamps without numerical values.The eight stamps were issued January 14, 1946, and until Jan.31, these were valid only on mail what the overprint was intented for. After February 1, the stamps could be used on any domestic postal matter for the assigned value.
*** These two stamps (overprinted on 30 fil. and 80 fillérs) had restricted use (see next page) and were withdrawn on Jan.22. The two replacement stamps with the same assigned values (overprinted on 70 fillér) were issued on Jan. 28, 1946.**
*** Hungary's First two Parcel stamps. Lost validity June 30,1946.**

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 8 DAYS



Budapest, Jan. 15, 1946. Paid 5th period's Domestic Letter rate 120 Pengö.

RESTRICTED USE OF STAMPS *(VALID 9 DAYS: Jan.14 - 22)*



Hungary's First Parcel Stamps.
(Part of the 1st Temporary Stamp Series Without Numerical Values)

Two politically embarrassing stamps showing the Royal Crown. (The Republic was to be declared in just a few days: February 1,1946.)
Pre Inflation 30 and 80 fillér, overprinted Cs.5.1.* Assigned value 3,000 P. and Cs.10.1. (below) 6,000 P. When noticed, these stamps were ordered for restricted use and withdrawn only 9 days later on January 22,1946.

Csurgó, Jan. 25, 1946.
Parcel's weight 1 Kg.
paid rate 3,000 Pengö. 130 Pengö in Cash (instead of O.I. stamps) paid for the parcel card.**

Certificate



The two stamps (Cs.5.1. and Cs.10.1.) were forbidden to be sold to the public. Restricted use for Domestic Parcel Post only. Access was strictly limited to Postal Employees. Each new stamp or if used on parcel card had to be accounted for and returned to Postal Headquarters.

The Only recorded Cs.10.1. stamp on Value Declared card.

Makó, January 19, 1946.
Parcel weight 8 Kg., rate = 6,000 P.
Value declared 15,000 P., rate paid for each 100,000 P. = 200 P.
Rate paid 6,200 P.

*
Cs.5.1 : Cs(omag) = Parcel
: 5 (Kg) = up to 5 Kg
: 1 = Series 1 overprint

**** "Okirati Illeték"=Documentary fee**

Certificate

Rate Period 6,

INQUIRY OF A MONEY TRANSFER

(Tracer)

One of Two recorded example.

December 17,1945 a 500,000 Pengö Money Transmittal Order was initiated. On January 24,1946 it was requested to be traced, **paid rate 1,200 Pengö.** On January 25,1946 money was repaid to sender. Further tracing (Feb.7,1946) revealed that on Jan.1,1946, the transmittal was returned to the originating office.



Cds:
Budapest,Jan.24,1946
Tiszabecs,Feb.7,1946
Budapest,Apr.6,1946

'Tracer' rate same as Domestic Registered letter rate.

Rate Period 6,

DESTINATION BULGARIA

One of Two recorded Registered Mail to Bulgaria.
One of Five recorded Mail to Bulgaria (Three are in this collection)

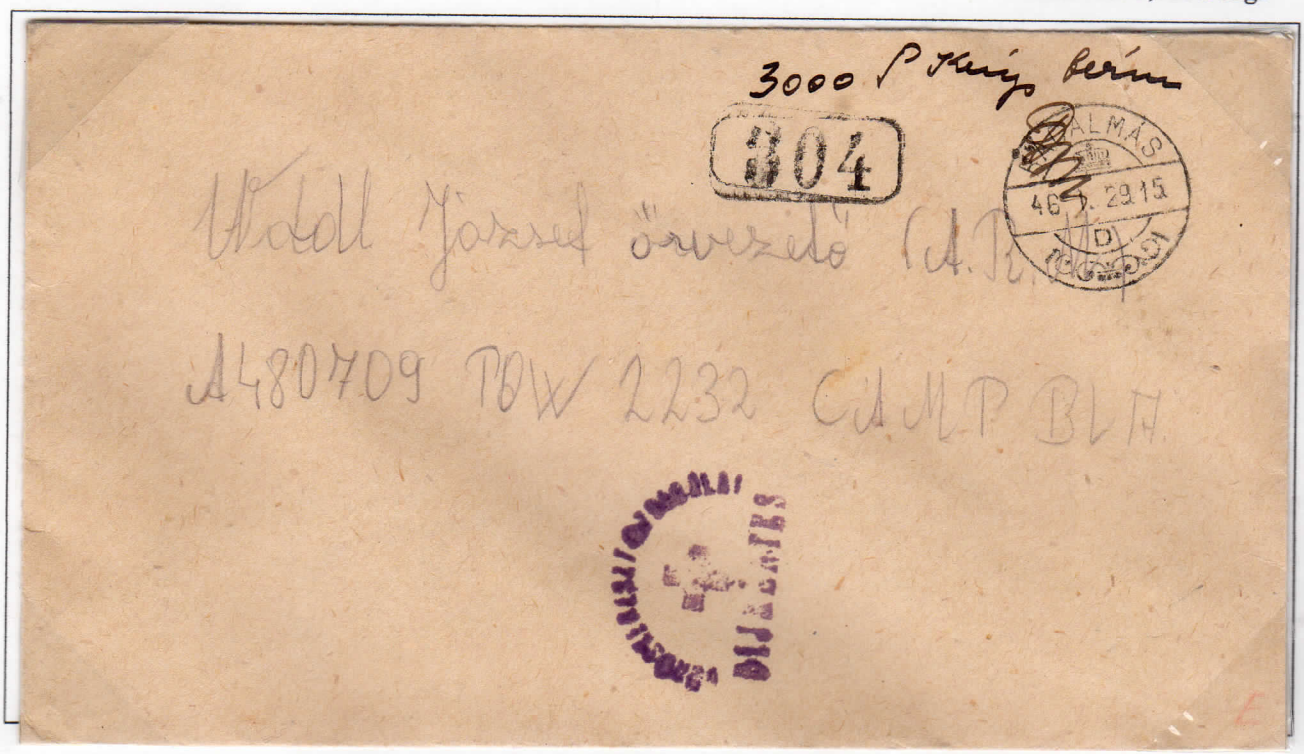
Budapest, January 24, 1946. **Paid rate 9,000 Pengö (3,800 P. on reverse)**



P.O.W. MAIL via RED CROSS

Although mailservice with AUSTRIA was allowed from November 20,1945, the postal service was interrupted between December 1,1945, and January 12,1946. Routed through the Red Cross to Austria, "VÖRÖSKERESZT SZOLGÁLAT/DÍJMENTES"=Red Cross Service/Postage Free.

Rácalmás, Jan. 29, 1946 **Paid rate 3,000 Pengö**



Rate Period 6.

DOUBLE-WEIGHT LOCAL EXPRESS

Dropped in mailbox - Processed at Post Office



Budapest, January 22, 1946. Paid Local letter rate 600 P., Express 2,000 P., total 2,600 Pengö. (Overpaid 200 P.)
Seldom seen example: Postal regulations allowed posting Express letters via mailboxes if correct rate was fully installed.



DESTINATION PUERTO RICO

The Only recorded letter addressed to Puerto Rico

Eger, January 14, 1946.
Paid *'Grace Period'* rate (5th period'srate) Foreign letter 500 Pengö

Mail service not yet resumed with Puerto Rico, letter was returned to sender (marking on front side).

Rate Period 6.

DESTINATION DENMARK

One of Five recorded mail to Denmark



Budapest, Jan.17,1946.

Paid Foreign letter
rate 3,000 Pengö

The flap was left open for Censor. The marking in upper left corner explain the content is business related and written in German.

Officially, mail service resumed with Denmark only on June 14, 1946, yet five covers have surfaced that were mailed and transmitted before that date.

DESTINATION SOUTH AFRICA

One of Three recorded mail to South Africa
(Two are in this collection)

Nyirtass, January 18, 1946.

Paid Foreign postcard
rate 1,800 P.

Foreign mail re-starting date with Great Britain and Empire December 22, 1945.



Rate Period 7,
Feb.1 - 28,1946 (28 Days)

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 500%

BASIC RATES

	Pengö
Local Postcard	1,500
Local Letter 20gr	2,000
Domestic Postcard	2,000
Domestic Letter 20gr	3,000

SECOND PROVISIONAL STAMP SERIES WITHOUT NUMERICAL VALUES

Overprint	Designated For	Translation	Assigned Value
Any.-2.	Nyomtatvány	Printed Matter	500 Pengö
Hlp.-2.	Helyi Lev.lap	Local Postcard	1,500
Hl.-2.	Helyi Levél	Local Letter	2,000
Tlp.-2.	Távolsági Lev.lap	Domestic Postcard	2,000
Tl.-2.	Távolsági Levél	Domestic Letter	3,000
Ajl.-2.	Ajánlott	Registered	6,000
Cs.5-2.	Csomag 5kg	Parcel 5kg	10,000
Cs.10-2.	Csomag 10kg	Parcel 10kg	15,000

Valid only on Domestic mail because UPU regulations prohibit the use of stamps without numerical values. According to P.R.T. 205.800/A.4. directive these stamps could be used only for the purpose it was (overprinted) intended for; Cs.5.1. and Cs.10.1. which was issued Jan.28, from than on could be used (for it's assigned value) on any mail. This must have been very confusing because by February 5,1946 P.R.T. directive 206.500/A.4. states that "in deference to the public (!?) starting immediately all valid overprinted stamps could be used for the assigned values on any Domestic mail." The balance of the stamp series were issued Feb1,1946 and lost validity June 30, 1946, however much sooner the inflation made them all useless.

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 7 DAYS



First Day (of period) Cover. Felsögalla, Feb. 1, 1946

Franking followed the existing regulation to **"use each stamp for it's intented purpose".** Tl.1. (domestic letter) value 600 P. and Ajl.1. (registered) value 1,200 P. paid the 6th period's rate 1,800 Pengö.

Rate Period 7,

Early Mail to Palestine

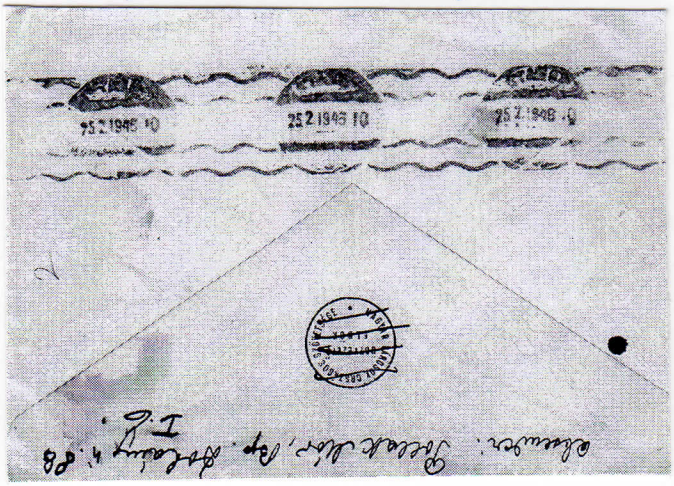
DESTINATION PALESTINE VIA TURKEY

One of Five recorded covers to Palestine
(Four are in this collection)



Budapest, February 16, 1946. Paid Foreign letter rate 15,000 Pengö.
Backstamped Istanbul, Turkey, on February 25, 1946.

Hungary's mailservice with Palestine was opened up only on April 29, 1946, however Mailservice with the British Empire re-started on December 22, 1945. Although the regulation did not specifically mentioned Palestine, it *could* have been argued as part of the British Empire. This letter was processed under that interpretation



Rate Period 7,
Feb. 1 - 28, 1946 (28 Days)

UNDATED "MUTE" KILLER-CANCELS

Obliterations at receiving Post Offices



Balatonszentgyörgy,
(from content) Feb.18,1946
to Kaposvár.

Paid Postcard rate: 2,000 P.



Zalaegerszeg,
Feb.9,1946
to Szombathely.

Domestic Letter,
Paid 3,000 Pengö.

Rate Period 7,

ILLEGAL USE OF NON-NUMERICAL STAMPS
ON FOREIGN MAIL
U.P.U. and Hungarian regulations forbade such use.

Budapest, Feb.11, 1946. Paid Foreign, Registered letter rate 45,000 Pengö.



The Only known postcard to Bulgaria

Illegal use of non-numerical stamps on foreign mail.

Budapest, Feb. 15, 1946.
Paid Foreign postcard rate
10,000 Pengö

On reverse Sofia arrival datestamp March 3, 1946.

Non-numerical stamps' value
600+400 =1,000 Pengö →→



Rate Period 7,

DESTINATION SARAWAK

The Only known letter to Sarawak.



Certificate

Budapest, Feb.12, 1946. **First Day of Issue** for 3 and 15 ezer (thousands) Pengö "Republic" stamps.

Postal connection to 'Great Britain and Colonies' re-started on Nov.26,1945.
Sarawak was under British military administration from Nov.1,1945 to April 15,1946.

Foreign Letter	15,000 Pengö
Registered	30,000 Pengö
Paid rate	45,000 Pengö

Rate Period 7.

ILLEGAL USE of RESTRICTED PARCEL PAIR

Illegal use of withdrawn stamps.
Illegal use of restricted parcel stamps on letter-mail.
The Only recorded example with both stamps on one cover.



Certificate

Helesfa, February 2, 1946. Domestic, Registered letter paid rate (3,000 P., + 6,000 P.) = 9,000 Pengö.

The non-denominated, over-printed parcel stamps' nominal values were 3,000 P., and 6,000 Pengö respectively. In use only 9 days, the politically embarrassing stamps were withdrawn on January 22, 1946. *The two stamps were restricted to be used exclusively by postal employees for payment of parcel post only.* The rapid changing of regulations must have confused the postal personnel at the small Helesfa (population 605) post office and thus the occurrence of the *unique use of both withdrawn stamps on one cover.*

Rate Period 7,

DESTINATION SCOTLAND

The Only recorded cover to Scotland.



Budapest, Feb., 8, 1946.

Paid Foreign letter rate
15,000 Pengö
(10,000 P, on reverse, short 2eP.)

PROVISIONAL HEGYESHALOM CANCEL

Hegyeshalom, Feb.,8, 1946.

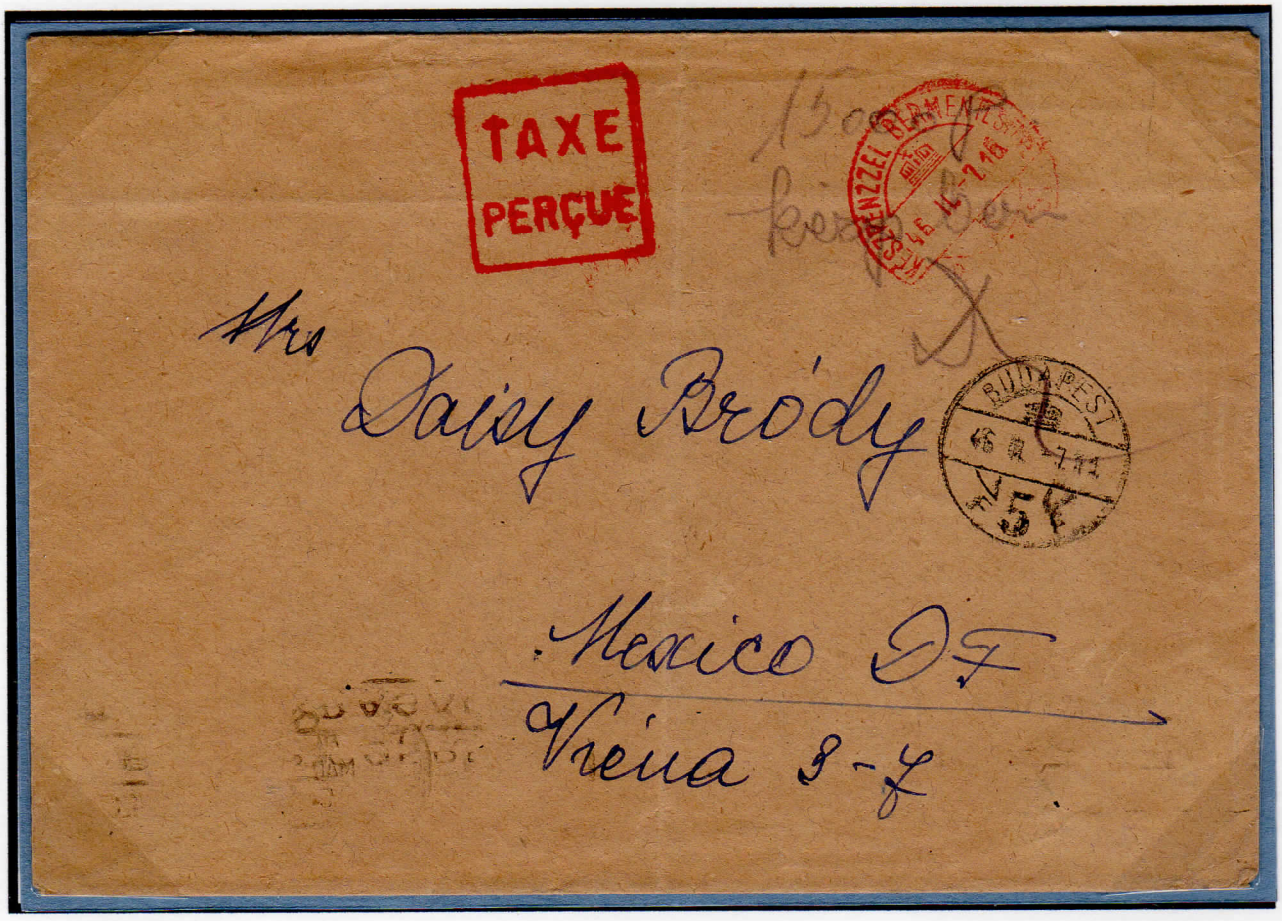
Paid Domestic postcard rate
2,000 Pengö.



Rate Period 7.

DESTINATION MEXICO

One of Two recorded covers to Mexico (Both are in this collection)



There is no official record when Hungary's mail service re-started with Mexico.

Budapest, February 7, 1946. Paid by Cash Foreign letter rate 15,000 Pengö.
Mexico arrival markings on reverse: March 15, 1946, 16 AM.



Rate Period 8,
March 1 - 15, 1946 (15 Days)

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 650%

P.R.T. Regulation 207.260/A.4. on Feb.28,1946, set a new BASE RATE (below) upon Which subsequent rates were to be adjusted (until May 1,1946) by percentages.

BASIC RATES

	Pengö
Local Postcard	8,000
Local letter 20gr	10,000
Domestic Postcard	15,000
Domestic Letter 20gr	20,000

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 9 DAYS



Paid 7th period's Domestic Letter rate 3,000 Pengö.

First Day (of period) Cover.

Provisional cds.
Ászár, March 1, 1946.



"Z" LABEL

The Only black/white "Z" label recorded

Zalabér, March 15, 1946.

400g parcel paid rate 50,000 P.
(5,000 P., on the reverse)

A very small size package that was placed and transported in a separate postal sack (zsák) to prevent loss. Such procedure is marked with the "Z" label.

The cost of the card (5,000 P.) was separately paid in cash.

Rate Period 8,

DESTINATION ENGLAND
'GENERAL POST OFFICE' (Poste Restante) MAIL

The only recorded 'General Post Office' mail to England.



Budapest, March 6, 1946

Foreign letter. 800,000 P.
Registered ..... 160,000 P.
Paid rate .... 240,000 P.

(200,000 P. on reverse.)

FOREIGN DESTINATION (USA) NEWSPAPER WRAPPER

Illegal use (UPU) of non-numerical stamps on Foreign mail.
One of Two recorded wrapper to USA (both are in this collection).
One of Six recorded Foreign Destination wrapper (four are in this collection).



Budapest, March 10, 1946.
Paid 50gr rate 15,000 Pengö.

Rate Period 9,
March 16 - 25,1946 (10 Days)

Inflation rate over 8th period's 'Base' 200%

BASIC RATES

	Pengö
Local Postcard	16,000
Local letter 20gr.....	20,000
Domestic Postcard	30,000
Domestic Letter 20gr.....	40,000

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 8 DAYS
DESTINATION FRANCE



First Day (of period) Cover.
Cachet:"Return! Pause in Service!"

Paid 8th period's Foreign Letter rate 80,000 P.
Budapest,
March 16,1946

EARLY DATE LETTER TO AUSTRALIA

No exact date known for earliest mail to Australia. Postal connection re-started with Great Britain and Empire on Nov. 26, 1945. Posted: Budapest, March 22, 1946. Paid Foreign Letter rate 160,000 Pengö.

Rate Period 10,
March 26 - 31,1946 (6 Days)

Inflation rate over 8th period's 'Base' 300%

BASIC RATE

	Pengö
Local Postcard	24,000
Local Letter 20gr	30,000
Domestic Postcard	45,000
Domestic Letter 20gr	60,000

ILLEGAL "GRACE PERIOD" FRANKING

("Grace Period" was not allowed in the 10th rate period)



Budapest, March 27,1946
Instructional label 'Deceased', - return to Sender.

Paid 9th period's Domestic Postcard rate 6,000 Pengö.



REGISTERED
LOCAL LETTER

First Day (of Period) Cover

Székesfehérvár,
March 26, 1946.

Local letter....	30,000 P.
Registered.....	120,000 P.
Paid rate	150,000 P.

80,000 Pengö on reverse.

Rate Period 11,
April 1 - 10,1946 (10 Days)

Inflation rate over 8th period's 'Base' 400%

BASIC RATE

	Thousands P.*
Local Postcard	32 e
Local Letter 20gr.	40 e
Domestic Postcard	60 e
Domestic Letter	80 e

ILLEGAL "GRACE PERIOD" FRANKING

("Grace Period" was not allowed in the 11th rate period)

Nagykanizsa, April 1, 1946.
First Day Cover.

Paid 10th period's
Postcard rate 45,000 P.
(overpaid 1,000 P.)





PROVISIONAL RE-VALUED C.O.D. PARCEL CARD

The only recorded copy

Budapest, April 3, 1946.

C.O.D. Parcel for 19,215,000 Pengö.

2.5 Kg Parcel	200,000 P.
C.O.D. fee*	60,000 P.
C.O.D. handling fee	20,000 P.
Paid Parcel's rate	280,000 P.
C.O.D. Tax	24,000 P.
Paid total	304,000 P.

* each 1 millió P. = 3,000 P.

98,000 Pengö on reverse.

Rate Period 12,
April 11 - 22,1946 (12 Days)

Inflation rate over 8th period's 'Base' 800%

BASIC RATES

	Thousand P.
Local Postcard	64
Local Letter 20gr	80
Domestic Postcard	120
Domestic Letter20gr	160

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 3 DAYS



Paid 11th period's Printed Matter rate 12,000 Pengö.

Miskolc,
April 16,1946.



"5 WORD" RATE POSTCARD

Budapest, April 17, 1946.

Paid special rate 24,000 Pengö.

Reduced rate applied to greeting messages up to five words (besides date, place and signature) paid each period's Printed Matter up to 20gr rate.

Rate Period 12,

MIXED COUNTRY FRANKING: FORWARDING WITH AUSTRIAN STAMP

One of Two recorded inflation cover with foreign stamp added.



Certificate

Hosszúpereszteg, April 22, 1946 **Last Day (of period) Cover.** Paid rate 640,000 Pengö

Addressee on a Hungarian Naval ship MFTR 617. During WWII., Hungary's Navy a flotilla (20) of minesweepers and gunboats were patrolling the Danube. The Germans ordered the ships to Austria, when they arrived above Linz, the bridges were bombed behind them and were unable to move. Sailors were transferred either to a POW camp or were assigned to work on American properties, their mail forwarded.

Source: "Die Schiffahrt auf der Donau - inklusive der deutschen Kriegsmarine - im Umbruchjahr 1945" DIE BRIEFMARKE 11/1988

Unusual: the "3500" Censor mark usually was used on 'un-opened' mail, yet we see the censor used re-seal tape.

Rate Period 12.

INTERRUPTED MAIL



Budapest, April 12, 1946. Doubleweight, Registered Foreign letter paid rate 2,320,000 Pengö.

New York Registry marking, April 30, 1946.
U.S. Post Office Department "Officially Sealed" label on damaged (and repaired) mail, April 30, 1946.
On front, U.S.Postal rubber stamp mark: "Received in bad condition"
also manuscript (unreadable) tracing - forwarding notations.



reverse

Rate Period 12.

DESTINATION IRELAND

One of Two recorded covers to Ireland.



Budapest, April 17, 1946.

Foreign letter. 640,000 P.
Registered .. 1,280,000 P.
Paid rate ..... 1,920,000 P.

1,250,000 P. on reverse.

Re-starting mail service with Ireland Nov.26,1945.

EARLY MAIL TO AUSTRALIA



Budapest, April 15, 1946

Foreign letter	640,000 P.
Registered	1,280,000 P.
Paid rate	1,920,000 P.
Overpaid rate	30,000 P.

Rate Period 12,

NEWSPAPER

One of Four recorded
(Three are in this collection)



Debreceni Kerületi Kereskedelmi és Iparkamara

tájékoztató közleményei

(Hivatalos körlevél)

Megjelenik minden hó 15-én.

Debrecen, Werbőczi u. 2. Telefon : 222.

8507/1946.

Érkezett: 1946 ÁPR. 23.

MELLÉKLET:

3477

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MAGYAR KIR POSTA

Egyesült Nemzetek Kereskedelmi Egyesü kamaránkhoz intézett levele

A New-Yorkban székelő Egyesült Nemzetek Kereskedelmi Egyesületétől [illegible] érkezett kamaránkhoz Az Egyesület a békebeli gazdasági kapcsolatok ujra felvételét szolgálja és hatalmas összeköttetésekkel rendelkezik, melyeknek segitségével a legkülönfélébb szükségletek beszerzésére alacsony kamatláb mellett hosszúlejáratu kölcsönök felvételét teszi lehetővé Az Egyesület a világ legkülönbözőbb termelő és exportáló cégeit képviseli és majdnem minden szükségletet ki tud elégiteni. Külön mellékleten közölte azoknak az áruknak a jegyzékét amelyeket szállitani tud.

Közölte továbbá az Egyesület, hogy ha esetleg olyan vállalkozó akadna, aki rádiókészülékek, hütőkészülékek. fürdőberendezések, levegő hőmérsékletét szabályozó készülékek, televiziós berendezések készitésével, összeállitásával vagy gyártásával kivánna foglalkozni, szállitja a félig kész alkotórészeket és közli a gyártásra és összeállitásra vonatkozó részletes tudnivalókat. Sőt ha szükséges szakértőket is tud küldeni, akik a vállalkozóknak segitségére lennének az új iparágak bevezetésében.

Ezuton kérjük fel a termelésével [illegible]

Debrecen, April 16, 1946

Newspapers seldom were franked with stamps.

Paid rate 24,000 Pengö

Rate Period 13,
April 23, - 30, 1946 (8 Days)

Inflation rate over 8th period's 'Base' 2,500%

BASIC RATES

	Thousand P.
Local Postcard	200
Local Letter 20gr.....	250
Domestic Postcard	375
Domestic Letter 20gr.....	500

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 3 DAYS

Budapest, April 23, 1946.

First Day (of period) Cover

Domestic Letter,
Paid 12th period's rate
160,000 Pengö





OVERSIZED PARCEL
50% Surcharge

Gyula, April 23, 1946.
First Day (of period) Cover.

20kg Parcel rate.....3,250,000 P.
*Oversized parcel 50% surcharge
1,625,000 P.
Paid rate.....4,875,000 P.

On reverse 876,000 Pengö in stamps.
+ 1,000 P. extra in stamps accounted for.

* Label "Terjedelmes" = Oversized

Cost of card 200 adópengö in revenue stamps paid separately.

Rate Period 13,

DESTINATION MEXICO

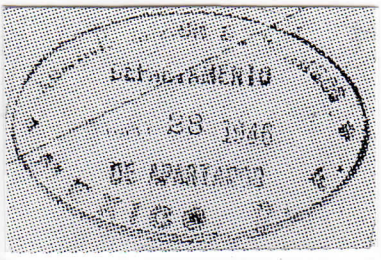
One of Two recorded covers to Mexico (Both are in this collection)



Budapest, April 27, 1946.

Paid Foreign letter rate
2 millió Pengö

Mexico arrival May 28, 1946.



On reverse

INSURED PARCEL POST

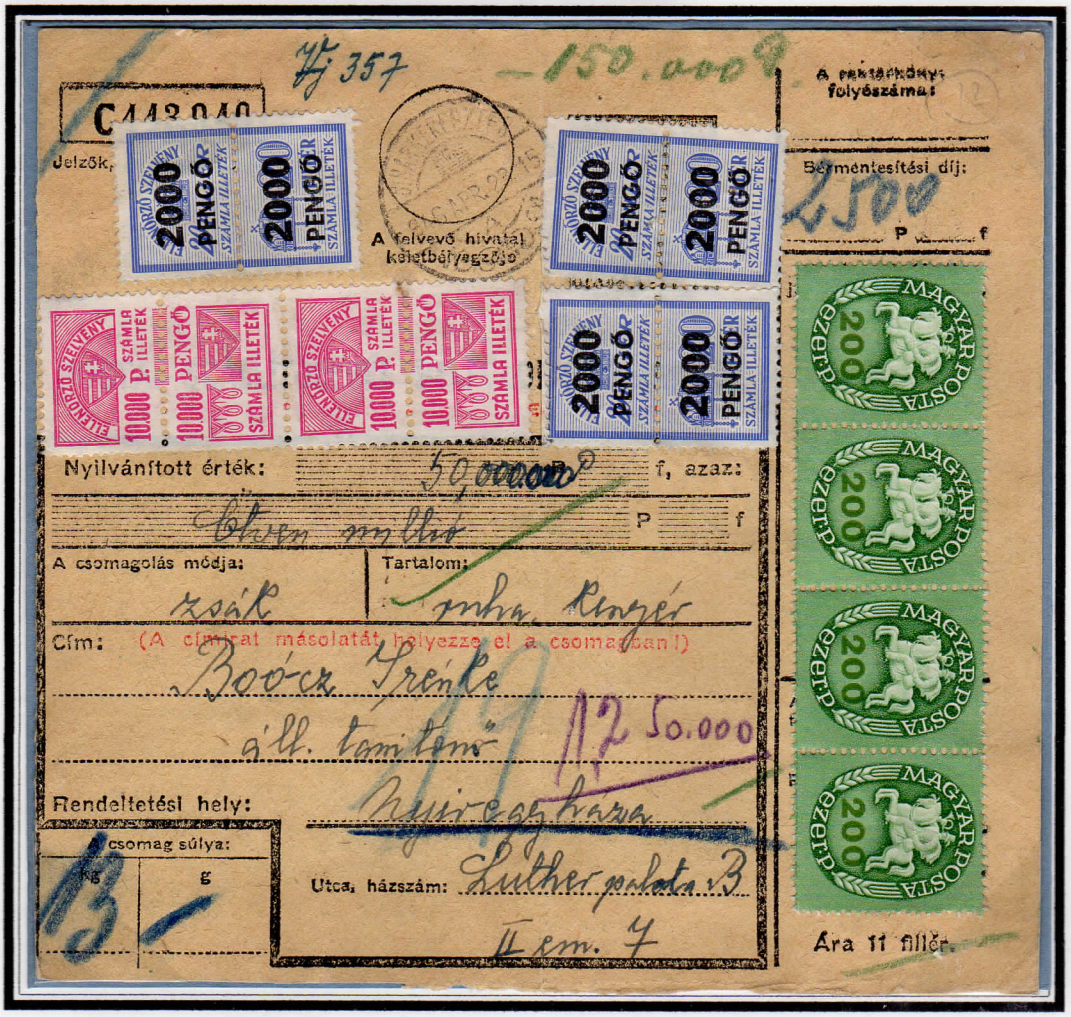
April 23, 1946,
First Day (of period) Cover.
Biharkeresztes to Nyiregyháza.

Contents:
13kg sack of clothing and bread.

Paid up to 15kg rate 2,500,000 P.
(1,700,000 Pengö on reverse)

Insured for 50 millió Pengö
Paid rate 150,000 P. in Cash.

For the cost of Parcel Card, paid 52,000 P. with illegal use of two-part Invoice-Fee labels.



Rate Period 14,
May 1 - 9, 1946 (9 Days)

P.R.T. Regulation 223.000/4. on April 23,1946 set a new BASE RATE schedule (below) upon which subsequent rates will be adjusted (until July 12,1946) by percentage.

BASIC RATES

	Thousand P.
Local Postcard.....	800
Local Letter 20gr	1,200
Domestic Postcard.....	1,200
Domestic Letter 20gr	2,000

Inflation rate over previous rate period approx. 400%

THIRD PROVISIONAL STAMP SERIES WITHOUT NUMERICAL VALUES
(RATE STAMPS)

Overprint	Translation	Nominal Value
Helyi Levél	Local letter	1,200,000 P.
Helyi Lev.lap	Local Postcard	800,000 P.
Távolsági Levél	Domestic Letter	2,000,000 P.
Távolsági Lev.lap	Domestic Postcard	1,200,000 P.
Nyomtatvány	Printed Matter	400,000 P.
Ajánlás	Registered	4,000,000 P.
Csomag 5kg	Parcel 5kg	6,000,000 P.
Csomag 10kg	Parcel 10kg	8,000,000 P.

Valid only on Domestic mail because UPU regulations prohibit the use of stamps without numerical values. According to P.R.T. directive 223.400/Bgi (April 26,1946) these stamps could be used on any postal matter for the value it represents. These stamps lost validity June 30,1946.

"GRACE PERIOD" MAILING TO FOREIGN DESTINATION PERMITTED: 3 DAYS



Paid 13th period's Foreign Letter rate 2,000,000 Pengö.
Budapest, May 1, 1946. **First Day (of period) Cover.**

Rate Period 14.

April 19, 1946, PRT. regulation #216.403/4. stated that beginning May 1, 1946, AIRMAIL service with USA will be re-opened. A weight limit of 20gr can be sent. Besides paying the rate for a foreign destination letter, **an Air Mail surcharge of 1 Gold Franc for each 5gr will be added. Each day the published (Swiss) Gold Franc conversion number (from Pengö) will be applicable. Other restrictions:** Each day only a certain allowed amount of Air Mail letters will be accepted, when that quota is filled, none will be taken until the following day. To control these restrictions, temporarily only P.O.number 72 will accept Air Mail letters.

AIR MAIL to USA

The Earliest recorded Air Mail Date—May 2, 1946.
One of Six Air Mail covers recorded in the 14th period.



Certificate

Air Mail surcharge per 5gr = 1 Gold Franc (GF)

Conversion rate for 1 Gold Franc on May 2, 1946, was 50 milpengö (50,000,000 Pengö)

milp = million Pengö
GF = Swiss Gold Franc

Budapest, May 2, 1946.

Foreign letter ..... 8 milp.
Air Mail surcharge for 5½gr = 2GF
On May 2, 1946..... 100 milp.
Paid rate ..... 108 milp.
(108,000,000 Pengö)

POSTAGE DUE ON INCOMING FOREIGN MAIL

One of Five recorded Foreign mail to Hungary with Postage Due
(Two are in this collection)

On May 1, 1946, new postage due regulation directs penalty 1/2 of Hungarian Foreign Postcard rate.



Padova, Italy, May 6, 1946 to Miskolc,Hungary, (on reverse) date-stamp: May 8, 1946.

Italian external postcard rate 10 Lire.
Postage due for 6 Lire under-payment was refused, label and datestamp at Miskolc, May 10, 1946.

On Hungarian postal rubber-stamp: Collect Due....." manuscript"T 2 m(illió) Pengö"

VIENNA CENSOR

Seldom seen Censor-tape type from this time-period

Reference by:
Richard A. Krueger
Censorship of the Civil Mails in Occupied Austria 1945-53

This rarer type width (29mm) ribbed brown paper tape was used only March to June '46.

Győr to Austria, May 9, 1946

Paid Foreign letter rate
8,000,000 Pengö
(On reverse)



EXPRESS (Special Delivery) MAIL to PALESTINE

The Only recorded Hyperinflation Express Mail to Palestine.



Újpest, May 9, 1946.
(Last Day of Rate Period)

Foreign letter 8,000,000 P.
Registered... 16,000,000 P.
Express, Foreign..... 15,000,000 P.
Paid rate 39,000,000 P.
(Overpaid 800,000 Pengö)

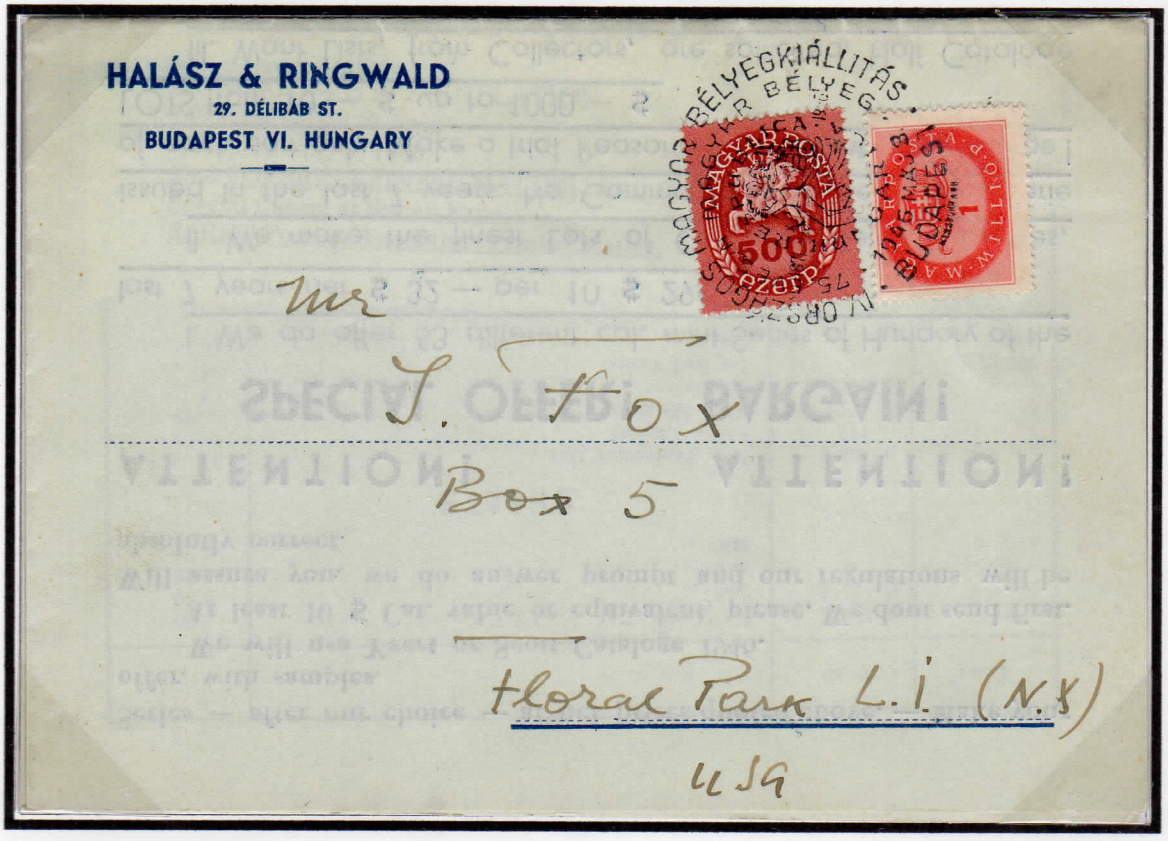
Haifa May 29, and Giryat May 30, transitmarks on reverse.
Total of 53 stamps (34 on reverse)

FOREIGN DESTINATION (USA) PRINTED MATTER

Budapest, May 8, 1946.

Paid Foreign Printed Matter rate..... 1,500,000 Pengö

Special 'Stamp Expo' Cancel.



Rate Period 15,
May 10 - 19, 1946 (10 Days)

Inflation rate over 14th period's 'Base' 500%

BASIC RATE	Million P.
Local Postcard	4
Local Letter 20gr	6
Domestic Postcard	6
Domestic Letter 20gr	10

3 DAYS "GRACE PERIOD" MAIL TO FOREIGN DESTINATION



"Fewest Stamps Used" Franking with two different stamp issues.

Returned to sender, directional markings: Unknown, Not at Address Given M136 and Not in Directory/Church Street Station/ New York,N.Y.

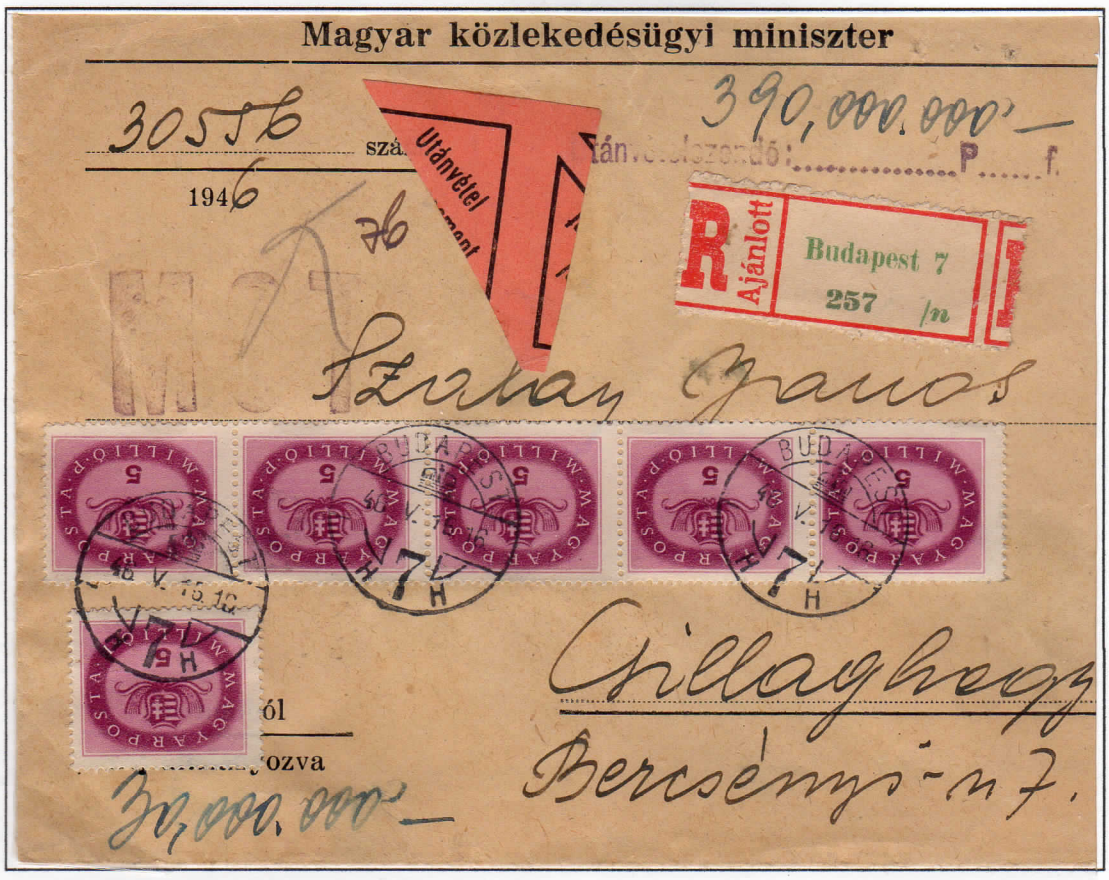
Paid 14th period's Foreign Destination Printed Matter rate 1,500,000 Pengõ.

C.O.D.
for 390 millió Pengõ.

Budapest, May 16, 1946.

Domestic letter	10 milpengö
Registered	20 milpengö
Paid rate	30 milpengö

C.O.D. fee for up to 200 milp. 2 milpengö,
for each additional 200 milp. 1 milpengö.
Was this 3 milpengö not charged in error or because the mailer was the Secretary of Transportation?



Rate Period 15.

DESTINATION INDIA

One of three recorded mail to India (Two are in this collection)



Certificate



Re-starting Hungary mail service with British-India December 22, 1945.

Budapest, May 17, 1946.

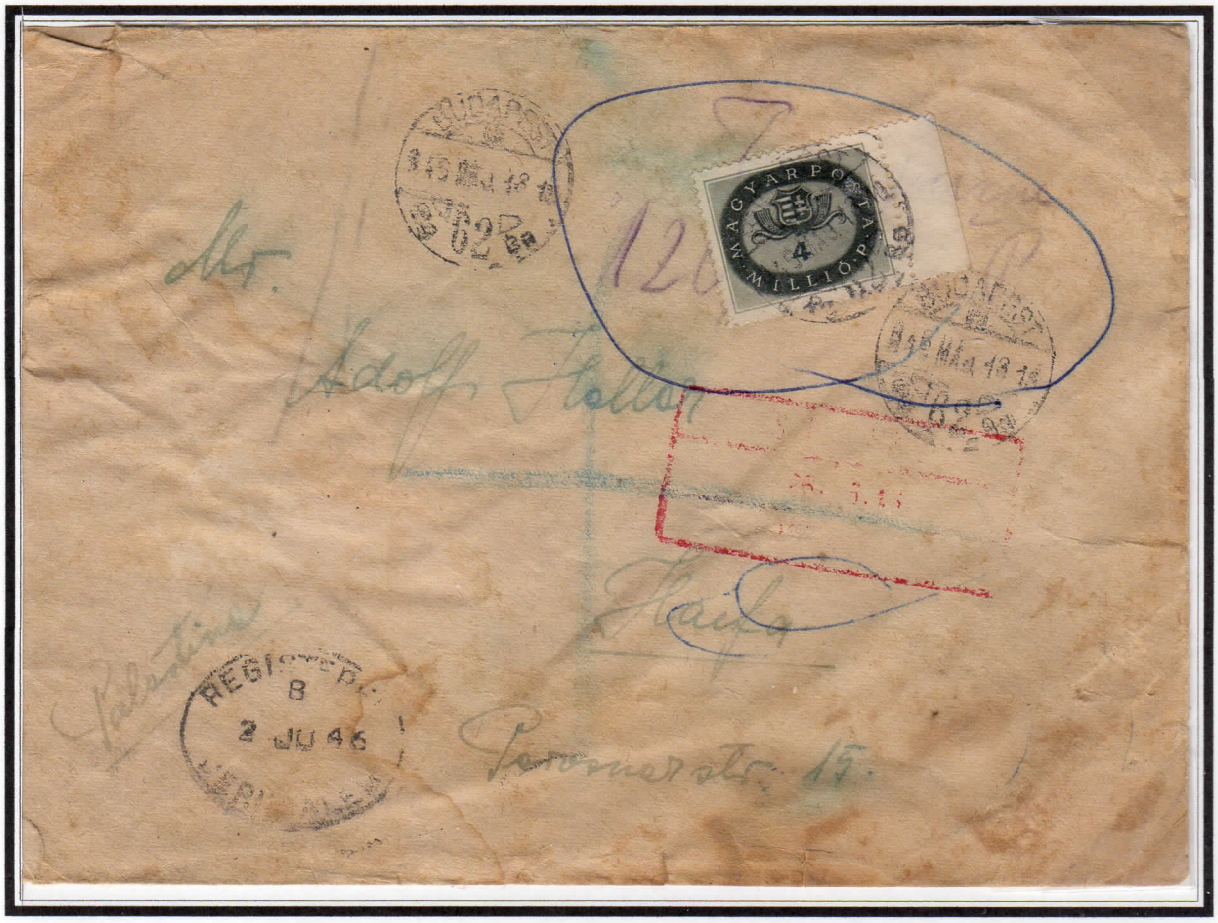
Foreign letter.....40,000,000 P.
Registered.....80,000,000 P.
Paid rate in Cash.....120,000,000 P.

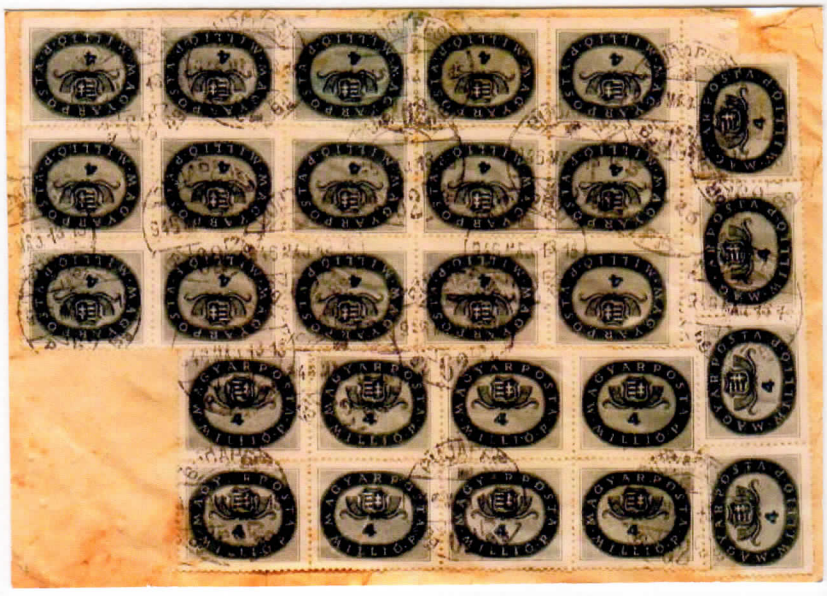
Calcutta arrival June 24, 1946, address correction and forwarded June 25, and delivered from Park Street P.O. June 26.

Rate Period 15

DESTINATION PALESTINE

One of Three recorded Registered mail to Palestine (All three are in this collection)
Interrupted mail—Water damage incurred during mail transport.





May 13, 1946. Budapest to Haifa, Registry authentication June 2, 1946, Jerusalem, Palestine.

Originally the postal clerk written 120 millió Pengö payment in Cash then changed his mind and proceeded to put one stamp over the notation plus placed 29 x 4 millió Pengö stamps on the reverse (total 30x4 millió P).

Water damage incurred during mail transport.
2x4 million P. stamps soaked off and were lost.

Foreign letter .....40 millió P.
Registered.....80 millió P.
Paid rate .....120 millió P.

Rate Period 15

REGISTERED AIR MAIL

One of Six recorded Registered Air Mail covers (Four are in this collection)
The third heaviest Air Mail on record (15 gr)



Budapest, May 17, 1946.

Foreign letter..... 40 milp.
Registered ..... 80 milp.
Air Mail surcharge for 15gr
3 Gold Franc on May 17, 1946,
1,500 milp.
Paid rate 1,620 milp.
(1,620,000,000 Pengo)

Air Mail surcharge per 5 gr =
1 Gold Franc.
Conversion rate for 1 Gold
Franc on May 17, 1946, was
500 million Pengo.
(500,000,000)

milp.= million Pengo

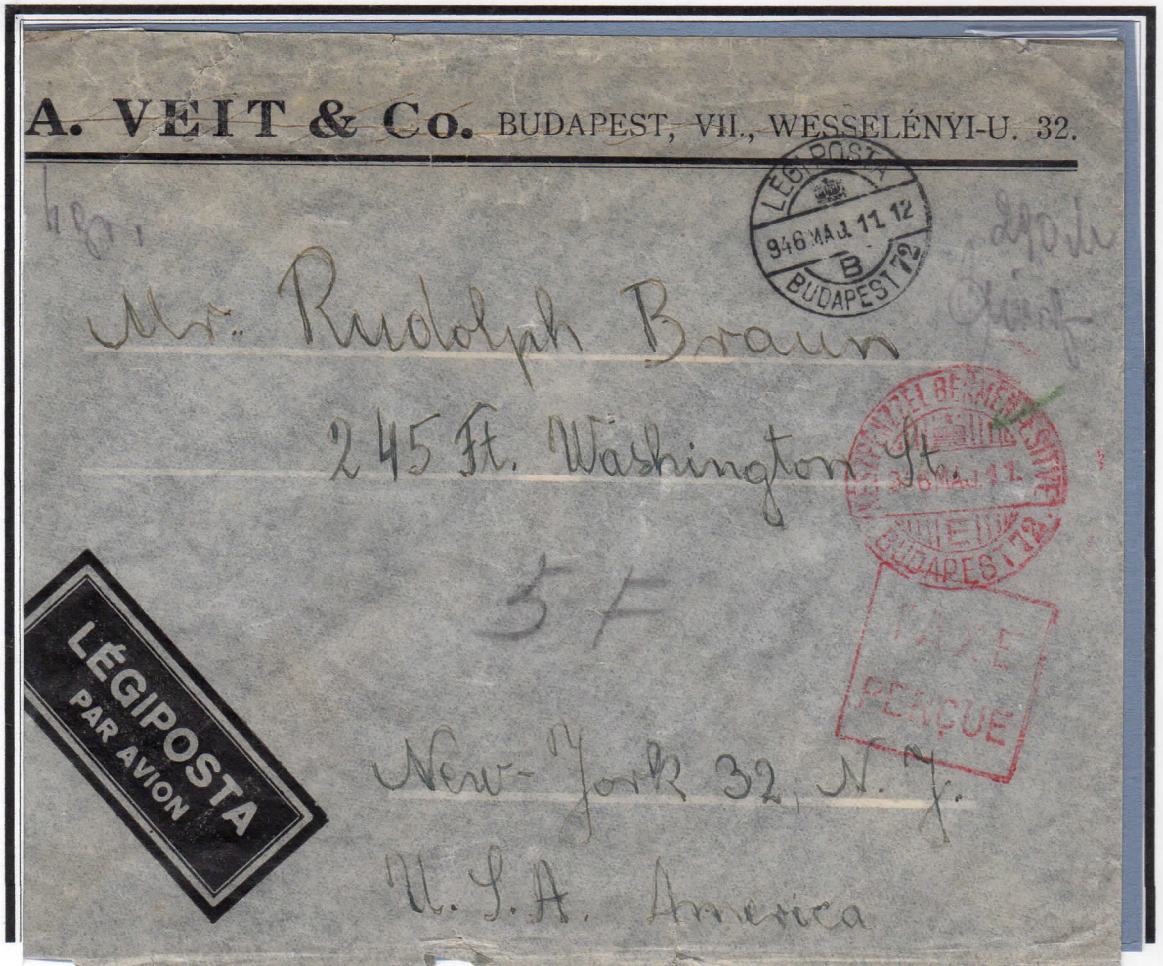
AIR MAIL to USA

One of Eleven Air Mail Covers Recorded in the 15th Period
(Two are in this collection)

Budapest, May 11, 1946.

Foreign letter.....40 milp.
Air Mail surcharge per 5 gr 1 GF
on May 11, 1946, ...250 milp.
Paid rate .....290 milp.
(290,000,000 Pengo)

milp. = million Pengo
GF = Gold Franc



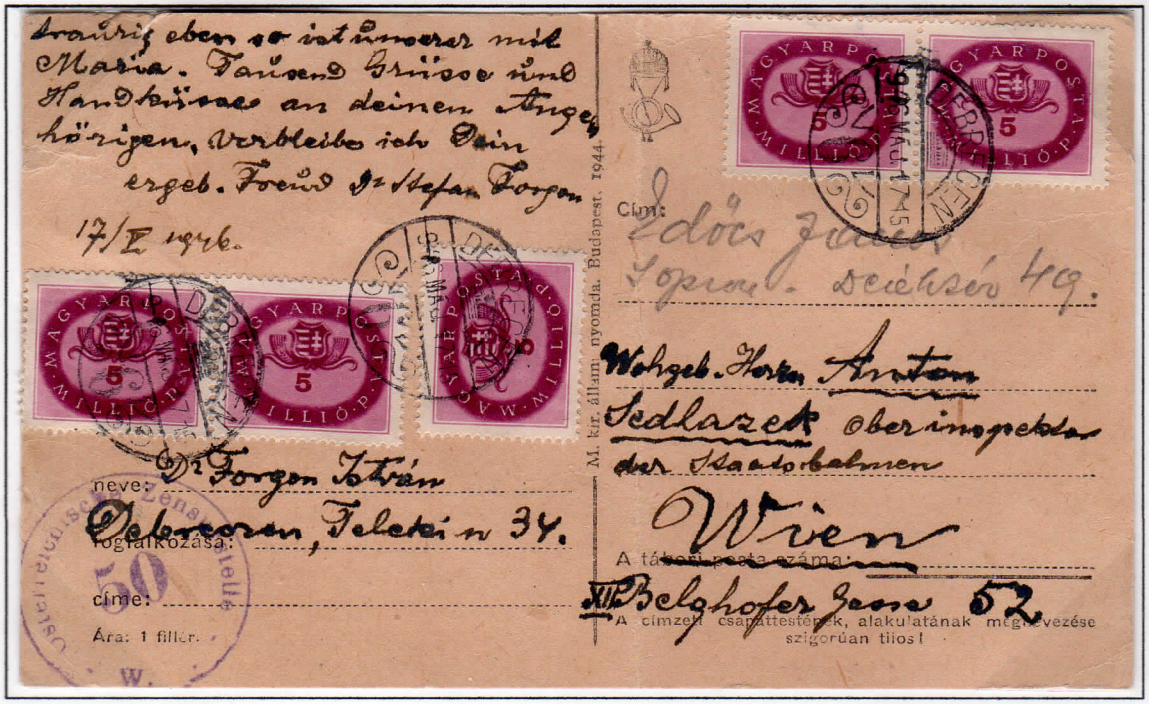
Rate period 15,

OFFICIALLY DISPATCHED - POSTAGE PAYABLE BY ADDRESSEE

One of Two recorded receipt for money accepted. (Both are in this collection)

Domestic letter, paid rate 40 milpengö + registration 80 milpengö, rate collected 120 milpengö.





Debrecen, May 17, 1946.

Military Postcard, civilian use to Austria. Upper 3mm removed because it contained wartime propaganda message.

American Zone Censormark

Paid Foreign Postcard rate 25 millió Pengö.

Rate Period 16,
May 20 - 26, 1946 (7 Days)

Inflation rate over 14th period's 'Base' 2,000%

BASIC RATES

	Million P.
Local Postcard	16
Local Letter 20gr	24
Domestic Postcard	24
Domestic Letter 20gr	40

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 3 DAYS



First Day (of period) Cover

Paid 15th period's Domestic Letter rate 10,000,000 P.

Szombathely, May 20, 1946.

T.P.O. HANDLING IN HUNGARY

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE IN USA

May 23, 1946.
Paid Foreign letter rate
160 millió P.
(overpaid 10 milp.)

10 milpengö on reverse.

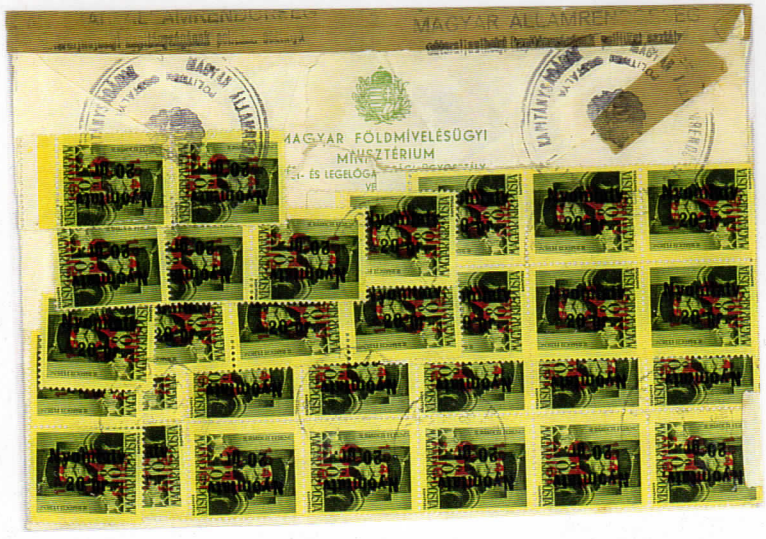


Rate Period 16,

INTERRUPTED MAIL
(By the political arm of the National Police)



Although this letter originated from the Ministry of Agriculture in Budapest, it was interrupted for censorship in Sátoraljaujhely by the dreaded political arm of the National Police. The ominous mark accompanied the opened and re-sealed cover must have caused no small consternation to the addressee in Sátoraljaujhely.



Budapest, May 22, 1946.

Domestic Letter paid rate ..... 40 millió P.

Rate Period 16,

AIR MAIL to NEW ZEALAND

The Only recorded Air Mail letter to New Zealand.
The Only recorded letter to New Zealand.



Certificate

First Day (of Period) Cover.

Carried by overland from Budapest to Prague, and from there flown by KLM to its destination .

Gold Franc had to be purchased at the daily conversion rate with Pengõs (until July 20).
The Pengõ/Gold Franc conversion rate on May 19-20-21 was 1,000,000,000 P.= 1 GF.
cds: Budapest 72/ 946 may 20; UPU required 'TAXE/PERÇUE'; Paid by Cash and date.
Air Mail surcharge rate to New Zealand was the highest among all countries: 2 Gold Franc per 5 gr.

Foreign Letter 4gr.....	160,000,000 Pengõ
Air Mail surcharge	
2 Gold Francs	2,000,000,000 Pengõ
Paid rate.....	2,160,000,000 Pengõ

(USA: 2 Billion 160 Million Pengõ)

Rate Period 16,

REGISTERED AIR MAIL to FRANCE

The Only recorded Air Mail to France
One of Six recorded Registered Air Mail
(Four are in this collection)



Budapest, May 24, 1946, to Paris, France.

Air Mail rate to France for each 10gr weight a surcharge of 0.10 Gold Franc (10 Gold centimes)
On May 24, 1946, 1 Gold Franc equaled 2,000 milpengö = 2,000 million Pengö.

Foreign letter..... 160 milpengö
Registered..... 320 milpengö
Surcharge
0.10 Gold Franc ..... 200 milpengö
Paid rate ..... 680 milpengö

milpengö = million Pengö
(680,000,000 Pengö)

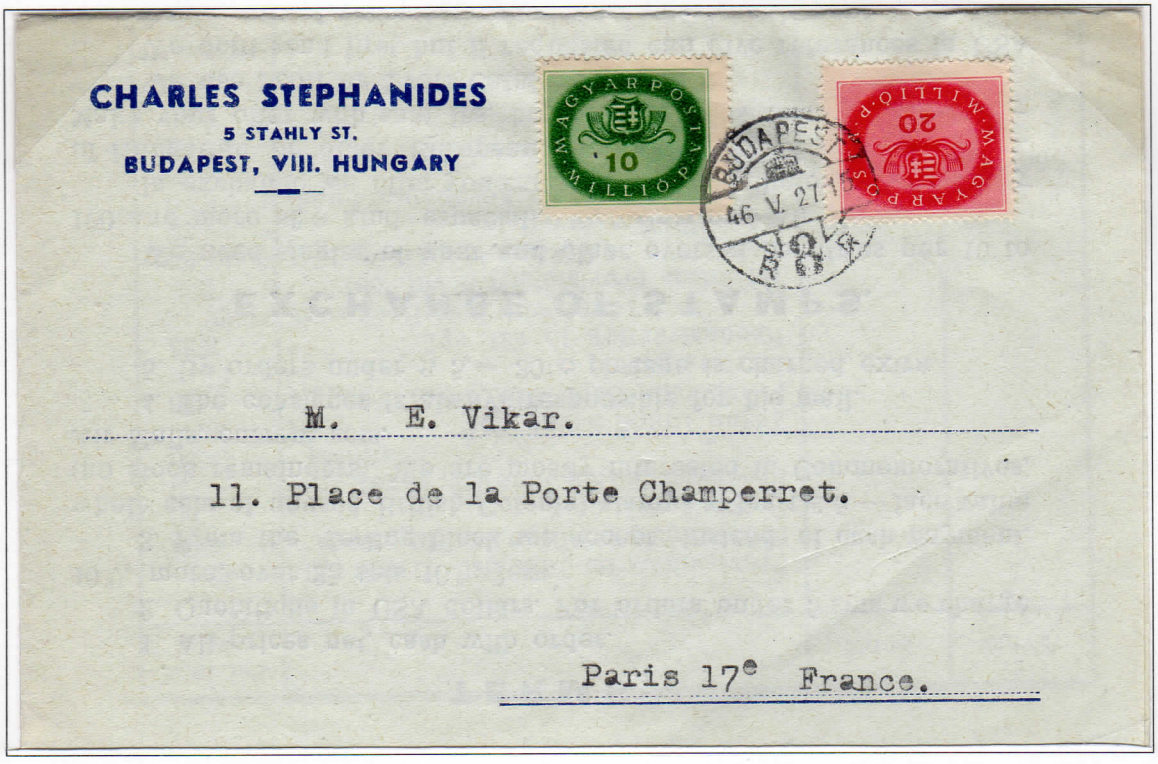
Rate Period 17,
May 27 - 31, 1946 (5 Days)

Inflation rate over 14th period's 'Base' 6,000%

BASIC RATES

	Millio(n) P.
Local Postcard	48
Local Letter 20gr	72
Domestic Postcard	72
Domestic Letter 20gr	120

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 3 DAYS



DESTINATION FRANCE

First Day (of period) Cover.

"Fewest Stamps Used" Franking

Budapest, May 27, 1946.
Paid 16th period's Foreign Printed Matter rate 30 Millió Pengõ.

ILLEGAL USE OF NON-NUMERICAL STAMPS ON FOREIGN MAIL

UPU and Hungarian regulations forbade such use.

Last Day (of period) Cover

Budapest, May 31, 1946.
Destination U.S.A.

Paid Foreign letter rate 480 millió Pengö



Rate Period 18,
June 1 - 10, 1946 (10 Days)

Inflation rate over 14th period's "Base" 20,000%

BASIC RATES

	Million P.
Local Postcard	160
Local letter 20gr	240
Domestic Postcard	240
Domestic Letter 20gr.....	400

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 3 DAYS



First Day (of period) Cover.

Budapest, June 1, 1946.
Paid 17th period's
Domestic Letter rate
120 Milló Pengõ.



FORWARDED PARCEL
"U" label
(Utána = Forward)

June 6, 1946,
Pestszenterzsébet to Bátaszék.

11 kg parcel, paid rate 1,200 milpengö

Parcel card's cost 500 Adópengö.

Rate Period 18,

ADHESIVES *AND* METER FRANKING



Processed in the 'Office of the Textile Economics' but for unknown reason was not mailed on the date of the machine imprint May 31, 1946 (Last Day of Period 17) By the time it was mailed June 9, 1946 the rate changed (Period 18) to 1,200 Millió Pengö. An additional amount of 840 Millió Pengö in STAMPS were applied.

Per regulation 5 zeros were left out of the 3 digit machine imprints.
Each imprint's value: 90,000,000 Pengö.

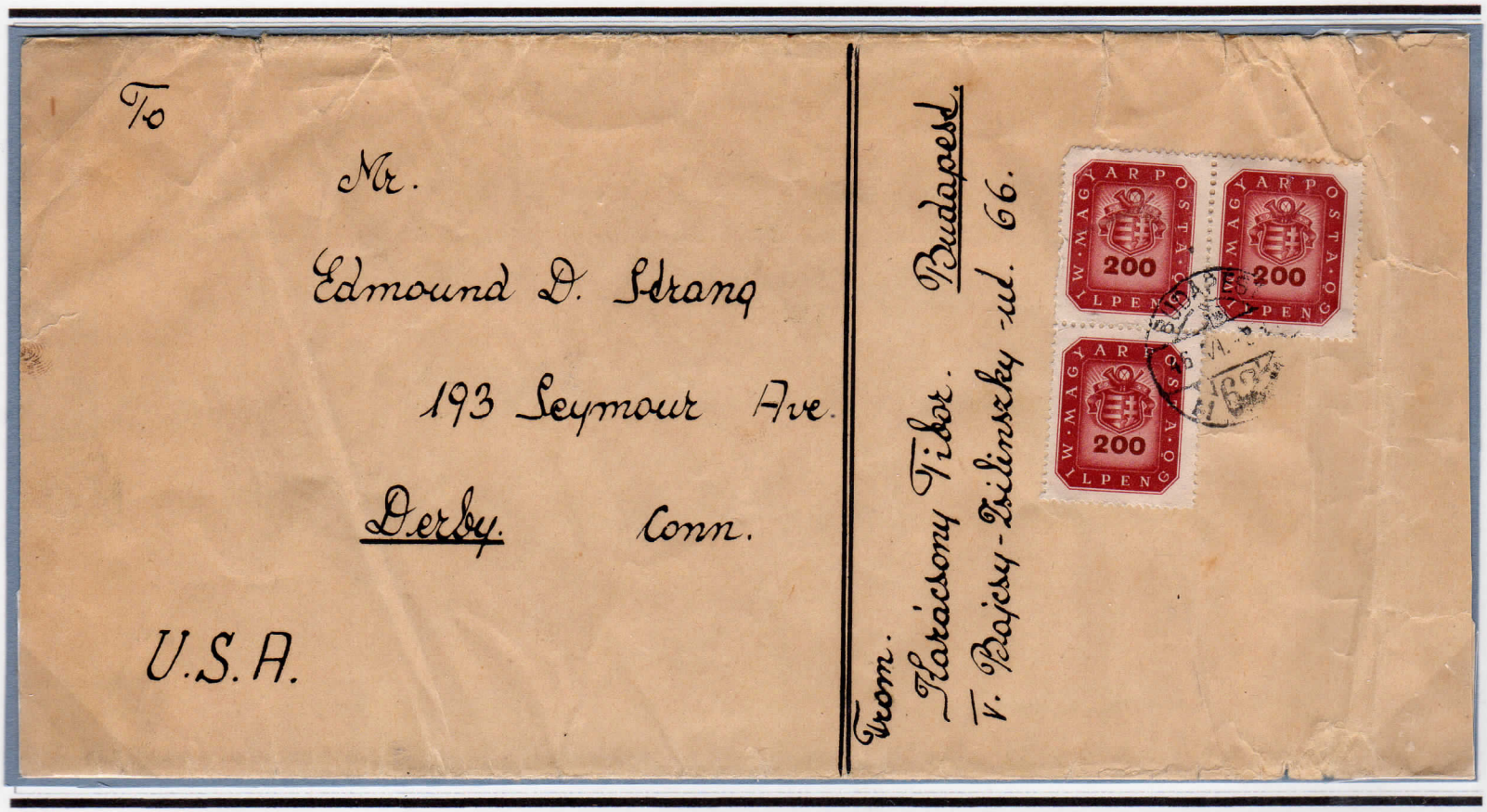
Domestic Letter 20gr.....	**400 Millió P.**
Registered.....	**800 Millió P.**
Paid rate	**1,200 Millió P.**



Rate Period 18.

FOREIGN DESTINATION (U.S.A.)
DOUBLE-WEIGHT NEWSPAPER WRAPPER

One of Two recorded wrapper to U.S.A. (Both are in this collection)
One of Six recorded Foreign Destination wrapper. (Four are in this collection)



Budapest, June 3, 1946. Paid double-weight foreign printed matter rate 600 milpengö (600,000,000 P.)



DESTINATION CEYLON

The Only recorded cover to Ceylon.

Budapest, June 3, 1946.

Paid foreign letter rate 1,600 milp.
(1,600,000,000 Pengö)

Receiving mark:
Panadura, Ceylon, August 8, 1946.

Certificate

Rate Period 18.

REGISTERED AIR MAIL TO USA

One of Six recorded Registered AirMail covers (Four are in this collection)



Budapest, June 1, 1946.
First Day (of period) Cover.

Foreign letter ..... 1,600 milp.
Registered..... 3,200 milp.
Air Mail surcharge 1 Gold Franc
on June 1,1946.....12,000 milp.
Paid rate.....16,800 milp.
milp.= millió Pengö.

On reverse New York and
Newark Registry markings
June 6, 1946.

Six Air Mail covers recorded from the 18th Period
(Three are in this collection)



Budapest, June 1, 1946
First Day (of period) Cover.

	milpengö
Foreign letter	1,600
Air Mail surcharge 1 GF on June 1, 1946, ...	12,000
Paid rate	13,600

milpengö=millió Pengö
GF = Gold Franc

Rate Period 18

MULTI (12) METER-MACHINE IMPRINTS

One of Three known with most machine imprints.


MAGYARORSZÁG
900
PENGŐ
MAGYAR ÁLTALÁNOS HITELBANK BUDAPEST, 507
MAGYAR ÁLTALÁNOS HITELBANK BUDAPEST, 507
UNGARISCHE ALLGEMEINE CREDITBANK

Rate Period 18.

MULTI (14) METER-MACHINE IMPRINTS

One of Two known with most machine imprints.



Budapest, June 5, 1946, Domestic, Registered mail by Magyar Általános Hitelbank (Magyar General CreditBank).

The Frankotyp meter-machines displayed only three digits. The accelerating inflation compelled the Postal Department (PD) to issue updated regulations on how to count values for adding extra zeroes to the last digit shown.

On May 9, 1946, the PD issued regulation #224.623/4, changes the previous 1,000 Pengö multiplier to 100,000 Pengö

On June 5, 1946, to pay postage for a 20 gram, domestic, registered letter, the total rate of 1,200 millió (1,200,000,000) Pengö was needed.

In order to execute this on the Frankotyp machine, fourteen (14) impressions were needed:
13x900 + 1x300 Pengös added up to 1,200,000,000 Pengö.

Domestic letter.....400 millió Pengö

Registered.....800 millió Pengö

Paid rate.....1,200 millió Pengö

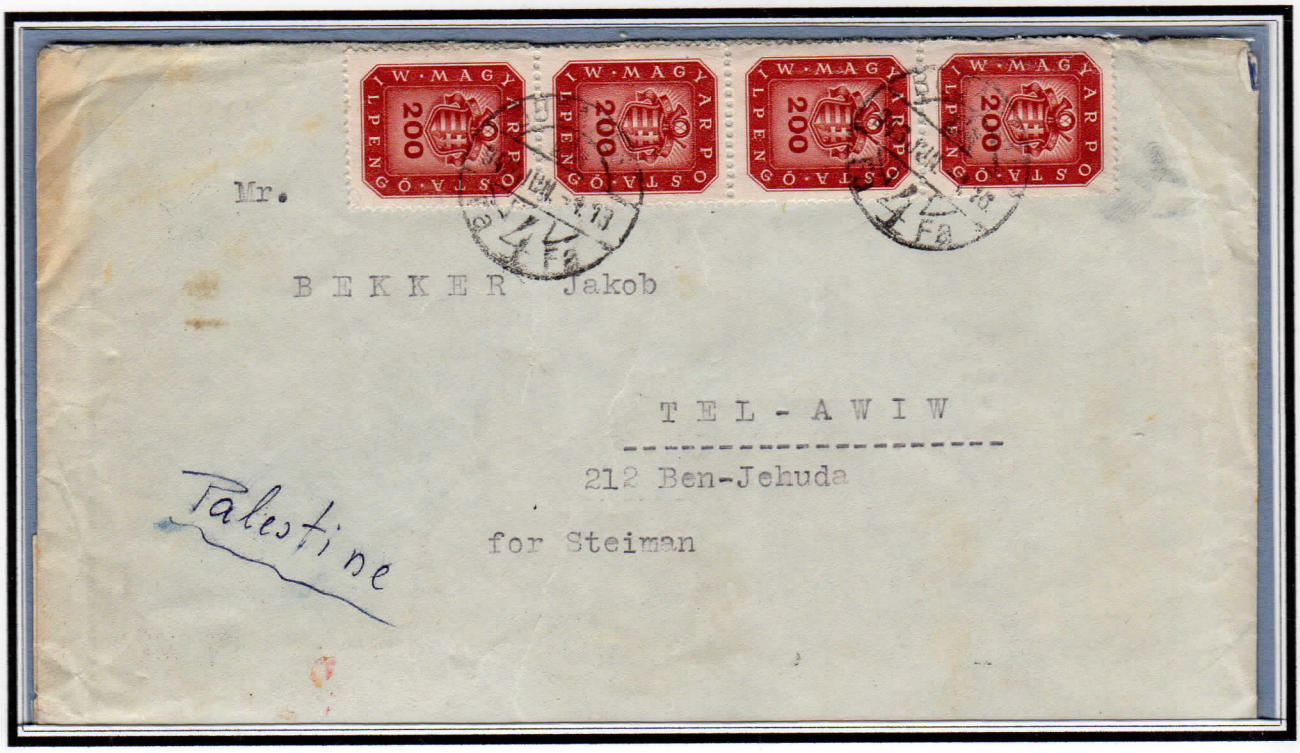


Certificate

Rate Period 18.

DESTINATION PALESTINE

One of Three recorded Registered mail to Palestine (All three are in this collection).



Budapest, June 1, '46
Arrival Registry mark on reverse: Jerusalem June 27, 1946.

Foreign letter 1,600 Milp.
Registered 3,200 Milp.
Paid rate 4,800 Milp.
4,000 Milp.on reverse

The Registry etiquette was lost in transit.

Original letter included.

DESTINATION SOUTH AFRICA

One of Three recorded letter-mail to South Africa (Two are in this collection)

Budapest, June 5, 1946.

Re-starting date for postal service with Great Britain and Empire: Dec. 22, 1945.

Foreign letter 1,600 Milp.
Registered 3,200 Milp.
Paid rate 4,800 Milp.



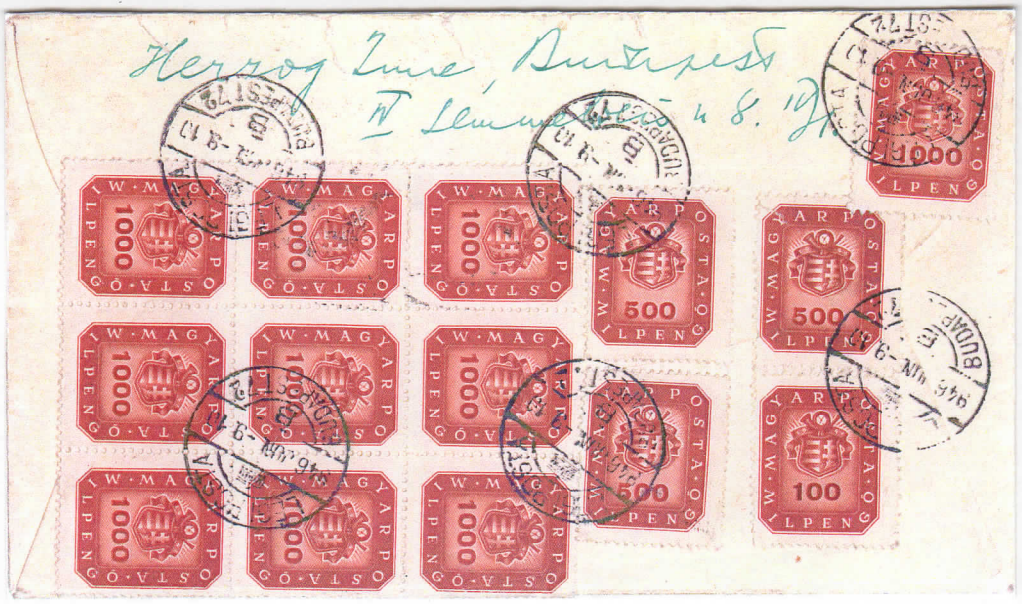
Rate Period 18.

AIR MAIL to SWEDEN

The Only Hyperinflation Air Mail cover paid rate with adhesives.
One of Five recorded Air Mail cover to Sweden.
One of Six Air Mail cover from the 18th period (Three are in this collection).



Certificate



Reverse

Budapest, June 9, 1946. 9 gram Air Mail letter to Sweden.

Foreign letter rate to 20 gr..... 1,600 millio Pengo
Air Mail surcharge rate to
Sweden each 10 gr ….0.10 Gold Franc
0.10 Gold Franc on June 9, 1946 ..... 10,000 millio Pengo
Paid rate..... 11,600 millio Pengo
(11,600,000,000 Pengo)

Rate Period 19,
June 11 - 16,1946 (6 Days)

Inflation rate over 14th period's "Base" 200,000%

BASIC RATES

	Milpengö
Local Postcard	1,600
Local Letter 20gr	2,400
Domestic Postcard	2,400
Domestic Letter 20gr	4,000

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 3 DAYS
DESTINATION ENGLAND



First Day (of period) Cover.

Budapest,June 11, 1946.
Paid 18th period's
Foreign Letter rate
1,600 Millió Pengõ
(1,600,000,000 Pengõ)

PRE-STAMPED, "REPLY PAID" BUSINESS POSTCARD.

Stamps applied in 16th period, by the time mailed, it was worthless.

Postage Due Double Deficiency Paid 3,200 Millió Pengõ. (3,200,000,000 P.)



Rate Period 19,

AIRMAIL to U.S.A. via PRAGUE (CZECHOSLOVAKIA)

During the Hyperinflation:

The Only recorded Air Mail with Prague - New York First Day cachet.
Quadruple weight - The heaviest Air Mail letter allowed.
Paid the largest recorded (4) Gold Franc surcharge.



Discovery Copy.

Certificate

First Day of Pan Am's Prague-New York Flight

via Vienna, Brussels, London, Limerick (Shannon) Ireland, and Gander, Newfoundland.

Budapest, June 14,1946. Before re-establishment of direct airmail links with North America, airmail routes only now being ascertained. This letter was carried overland from Budapest to Prague. Received Prague-New York cachet **(type F18L)** on June 17,1946. Flown to NY by Pan Am Airlines. New York datestamp (on reverse) 1:30PM, June 18,1946. By regulation the allowed maximum weight for Air Mail was up to 20gr.

Foreign Letter	**16,000 Milpengö**
Airmail Surcharge rate:	
1 Gold Franc per 5 gr	
4 Gold Francs x 500,000 Milpengö	**2,000,000 Milpengö**
Paid rate	**2,016,000 Milpengö**

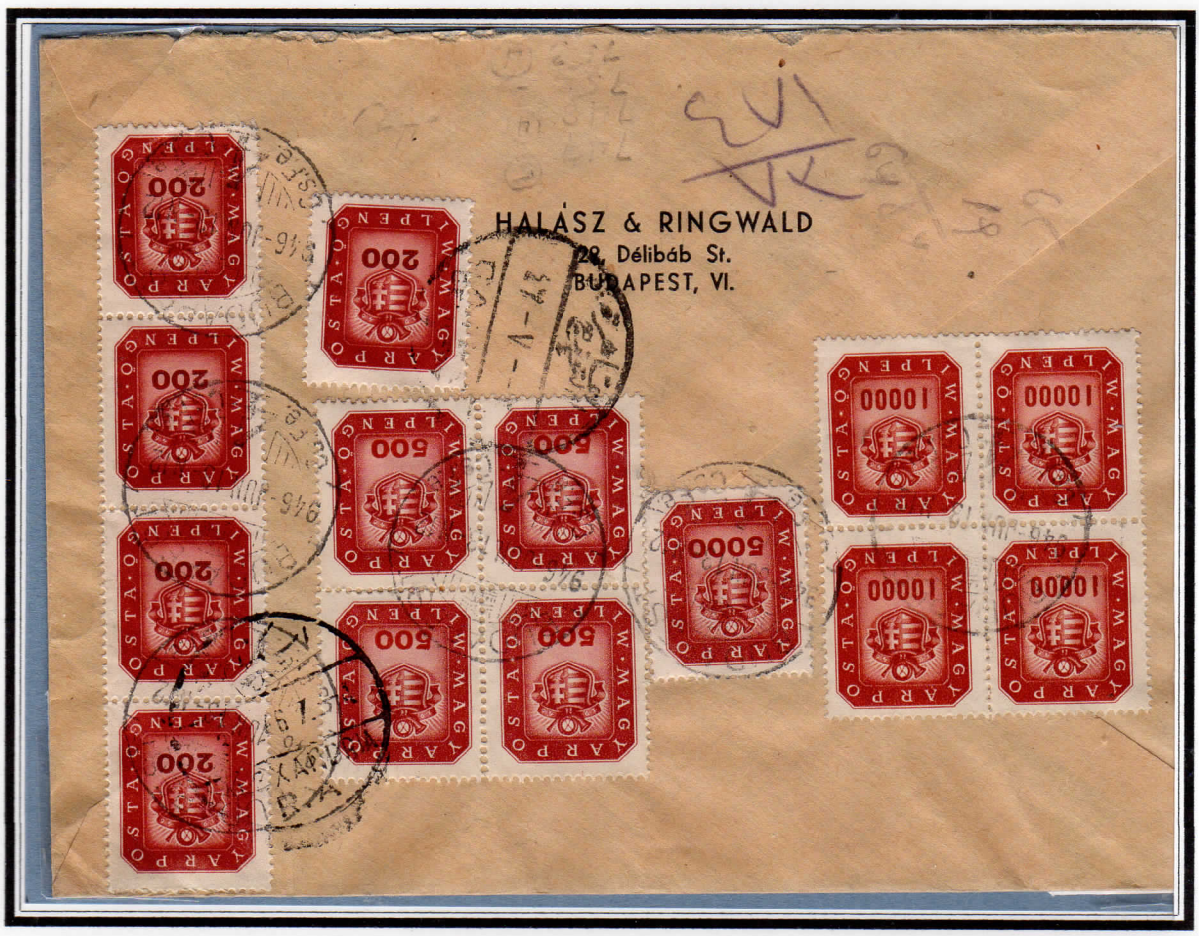


On this day the rate for one Gold Franc was 500,000 Mil(lió) pengös.
The rate in Pengös: 2,016,000,000,000 (USA: 2 Trillion 16 Billion)

Rate Period 19,

DESTINATION EGYPT

One of Two recorded mail to Egypt.



Budapest, June 13, 1946.

Cairo transit and
Alexandria arrival marks.

Foreign letter 16,000 milp.
Registered 32,000 milp.
Paid rate 48,000 milp.

(milp = millió Pengö)

DESTINATION JUGOSLAVIA

Királyhalom, June 16, 1946.
Last Day (of period) Cover.

Foreign letter ...16,000 milp.
Registered.....32,000 milp.
Paid rate 48,000 milp.

(milp. = millió Pengö)

On reverse 30,000 milp.

Provisional Registry label with Control Number '4248' for authentication.



Rate Period 20,
June 17 - 23, 1946 (7 Days)

Inflation rate over the 14th period's 'Base' 1,000,000%

BASIC RATES

	Milpengö
Local Postcard	8,000
Local Letter 20gr	12,000
Domestic Postcard	12,000
Domestic Letter 20gr	20,000

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 3 DAYS

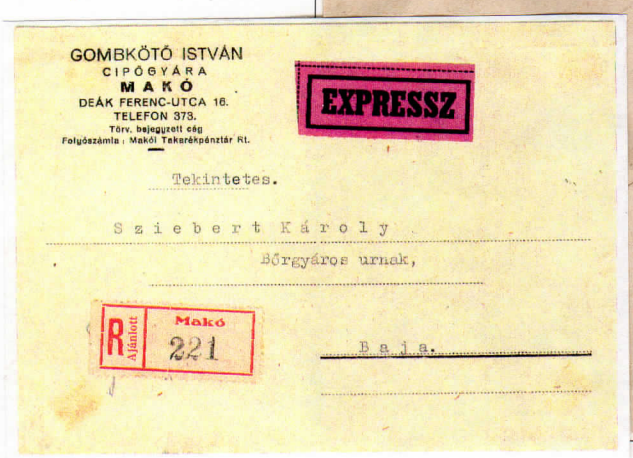
"Fewest Stamps Used" franking. First Day (of period) Cover.

Budapest, June 17, 1946. Paid 19th period's Double-weight, Registered, Local letter rate 12,000 Millió P.



EXPRESS, REGISTERED, DOMESTIC LETTER

Makó, June 18, 1946.





Domestic letter	20,000 Milpengo
Registered	40,000 Milpengo
Express	50,000 Milpengo
Paid rate...	110,000 Milpengo

WRAPPER TO SWEDEN

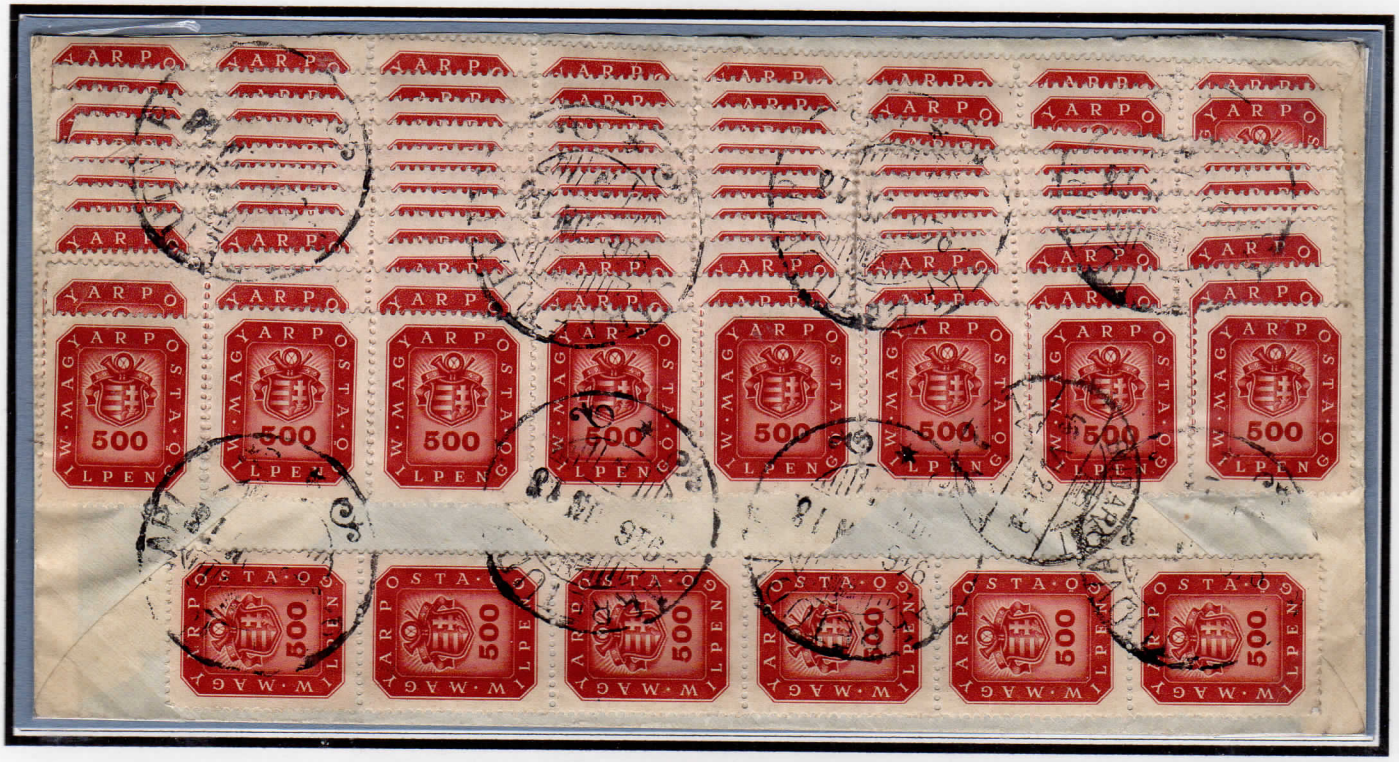
The Only Recorded Wrapper to Sweden
One of Six Recorded Foreign Destination Wrapper.
(Four are in this collection)



Budapest, June 23, 1946.

Paid foreign printed matter rate
50g ... 15,000 Milpengö
(15,000,000,000)

RATE ASSEMBLED SHINGLE STYLE WITH 102 STAMPS



Unusual placements for 100x500 and 2x5,000 Milpengö stamps on cover (8x stamps on reverse)

Sárrétudvar, June 18, 1946.

Domestic letter	20 Milliard P.
Registered	40 Milliard P.
Paid rate.....	60 Milliard P.
	(60,000,000,000)

Rate Period 20.

DOUBLE-WEIGHT

REGISTERED AIR MAIL TO ENGLAND

One of Six recorded Registered Air Mail cover
(Four are in this collection)



Budapest, June 19, 1946, to London, England.
Air Mail rate to England for each 10gr weight the surcharge of 0.10 Gold Franc (10 Gold Centimes).
On June 19, 1946, 1 Gold Franc equaled 5 million-milpengö = 5 billió Pengö.

Foreign letter	**80,000 milp.**
Registered	**160,000 milp.**
Surcharge for double-weight AirMail 0.20 Gold Franc	**1,000,000 milp.**
Paid rate	**1,240,000 milp.**

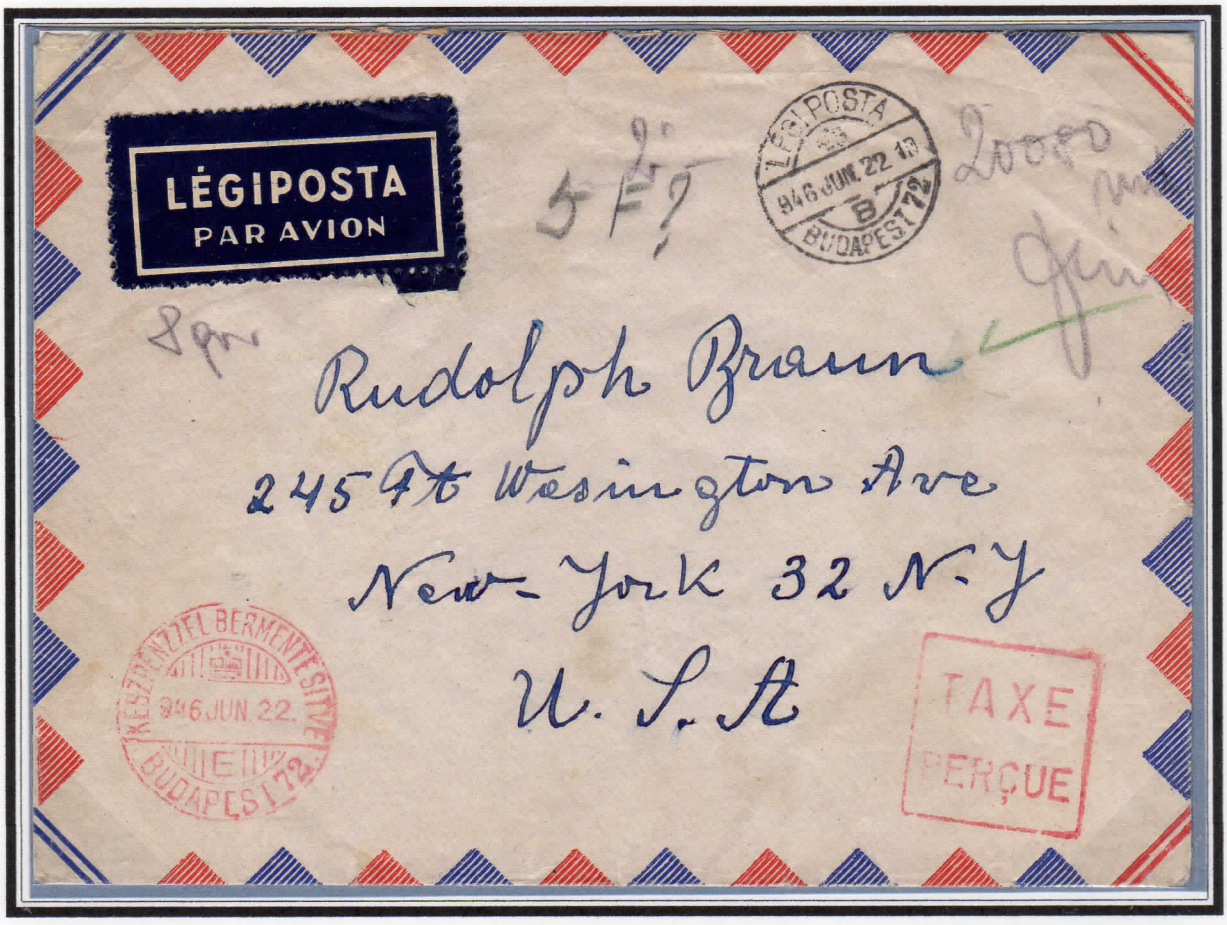
(1,240,000,000,000 Pengö)

Rate Period 20,

DOUBLE-WEIGHT

AIR MAIL LETTER TO U.S.A.

One of Five Air Mail covers recorded from the 20th period.
(Two are in this collection)



On this day the conversion rate for 1 "Gold Franc" was 10 Millió x Milpengö.*
cds: BUDAPEST 72/ 946 jun 22/ LÉGI POSTA (Air Mail); also (Paid by Cash and date). UPU required: TAXE/ PERCUE (Rate Collected). Handwritten 20080 md (milliárd) and **"2.-" for 2 Gold Francs,** 8gr (weight) and "5 F ?' = marking probably by delivering lettercarrier, as for: 5th Floor.

Foreign Letter.....	00,080 **Milliárd P**
Airmail surcharge Double weight:	
2 Gold Francs on June 22, 1946.....	**20,000 Milliárd P**
Paid rate.....	**20,080 Milliárd P**

20,080,000,000,000 Pengö, USA: 20 Trillion 80 Billion Pengö

***In the USA in 1946, this 1 Gold Franc would buy approximately 2 loafs of bread.**

Rate Period 21,
June 24 - 30, 1946 (7 Days)

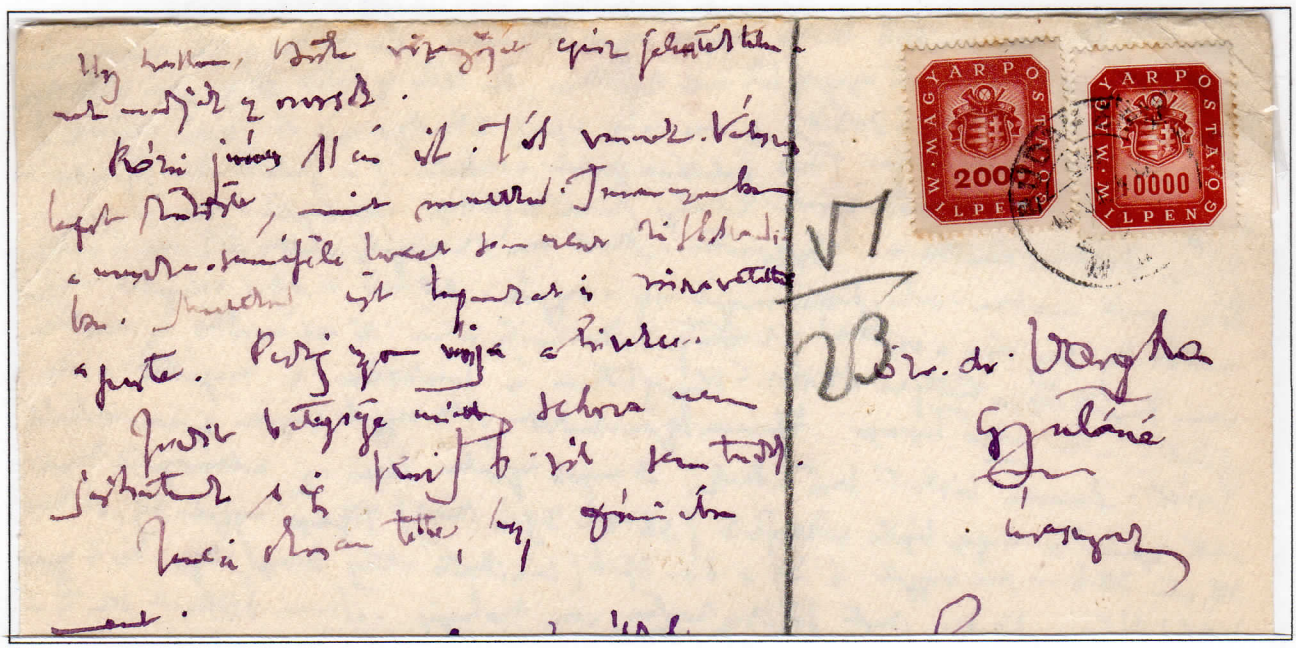
Inflation rate over 14th period's "Base" 20,000,000 %

BASIC RATES

	Milliárd P.
Local postcard	160
Local Letter 20gr	240
Domestic Postcard	240
Domestic Letter 20gr	400

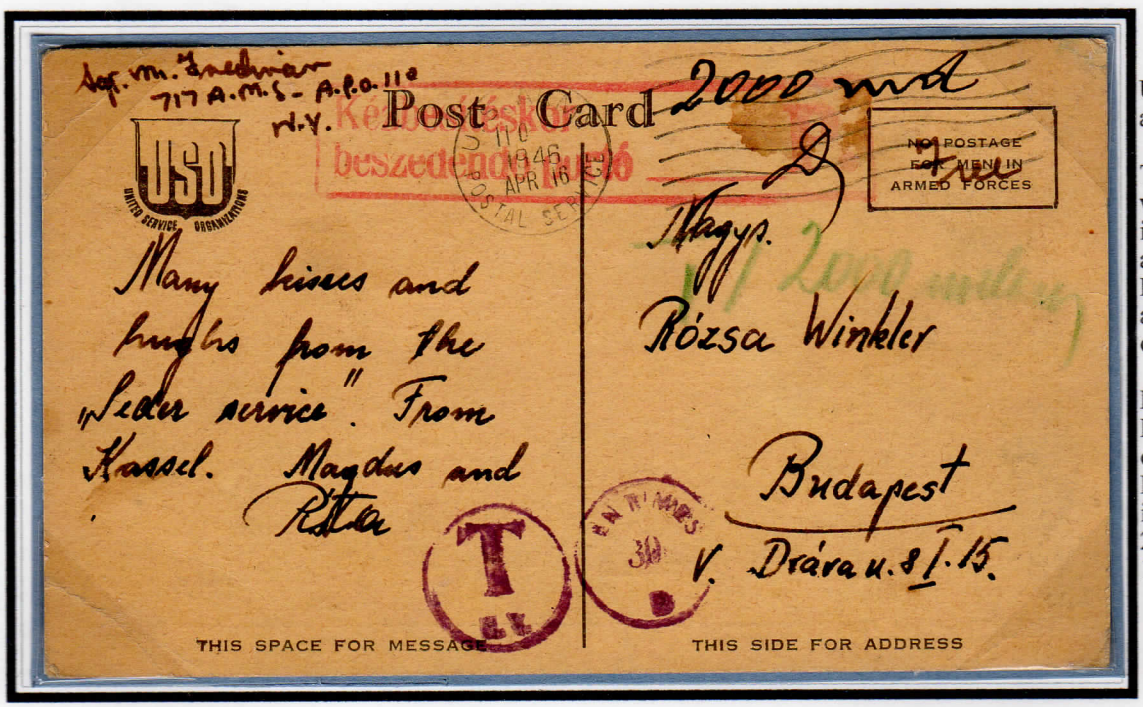
"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 3 DAYS

First Day (of period) Cover. **"Fewest Stamps Used" franking.** **Paid 20th period's Domestic Postcard rate 12,000 Milpengõ.**
Budapest, June 24, 1946.



POSTAGE DUE ON INCOMING FOREIGN MAIL

One of Five Foreign Mail to Hungary recorded with Postage Due
(Two are in this collection)



U.S.A. Soldiers 'Free' mail was allowed for domestic mail only.

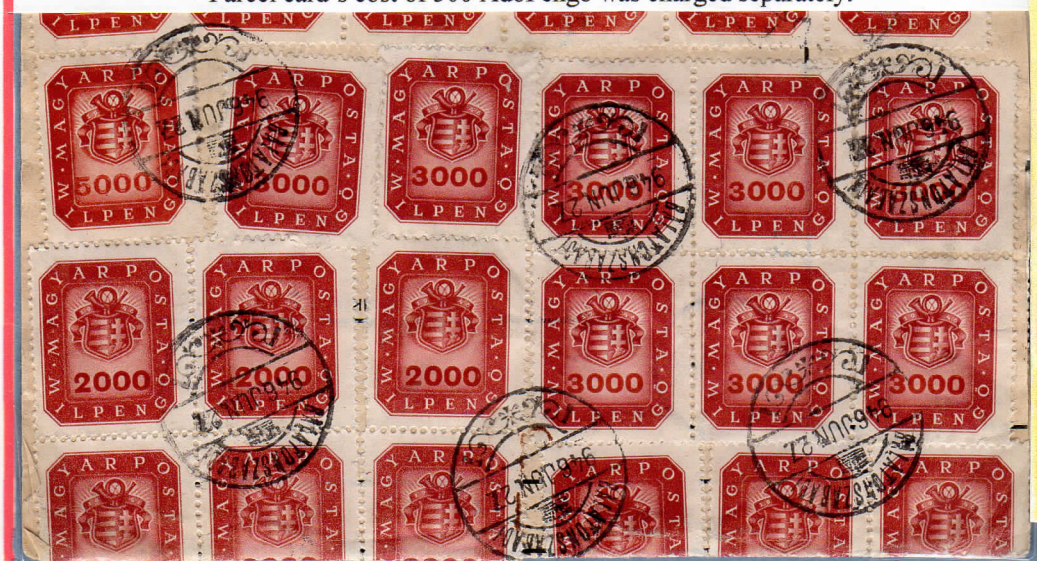
The U.S. foreign postcard rate 3¢ was penalized 2x=6¢. Accordingly it was converted to the international UPU 30 French centimes. Binocular postage due marking applied by the foreign mail section of the New York P.D.

Posted April 16,1946, arrived in Hungary during the 21st rate period.
Hungarian postal regulation for incoming unpaid foreign postcard: 2x the rate of a foreign postcard 1,000 milliard P. /2,000 milliard P.

Rate Period 21, **‘SPOILS QUICKLY’ PARCEL POST**



Balatonszabadi, June 27, 1946. Parcel marked with special handling label ‘Spoils Quickly’ contained fruit in a basket.
Needing more space for stamps, postal clerk glued paper extension to the original receipt, placed 135 stamps on both sides, plus manuscript marked ‘800 milliard pengö paid in cash (for) weight-rate’ Paid up to 5kg rate 1,200 milliard P.
Parcel card’s cost of 500 AdóPengö was charged separately.



Reverse reduced 85%
78 stamps



Rate Period 21.

DOUBLE-WEIGHT AIRMAIL LETTER

One of Five Airmail letters recorded from the 21st period.

Budapest, June 24, 1946, to New York City, USA.



Letter to foreign destination, up to 20 gr.....1,600 milliard P.
Air Mail surcharge to USA per 5gr
1 Gold Franc on June 24, 1946.....20,000 milliard P.
2 Gold Francs for under 10gr.....40,000 milliard P.
Paid rate .....41,600 milliard P.
(41,600,000,000,000)

(In the USA: 41 trillion 600 billion)

In Hungarian terminology 1,000 milliard = 1 billion

Rate Period 22,
July 1 - 3, 1946 *(3 Days) The shortest period.*

Inflation rate over 14th period's 'Base' 2,000,000,000%

BASIC RATES

	Milliárd Pengö
Local Postcard	16,000
Local Letter 20gr	24,000
Domestic Postcard	24,000
Domestic Letter 20gr	40,000

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 1 DAY

"FEWEST STAMPS USED" FRANKING
DESTINATION AUSTRIA - FRENCH ZONE CENSOR



French Zone Censor 'CONTROLÉ' (Krueger type FT-15c) **re-closure tape and red handstamps.** 33 (outer) and 24 (inner) mm circle. On rear flap in script '129' the individual Censor's mark.
Processed at Bregenz (Vorarlberg) Regional Censor Center: "BZA-1" Center was operating from Feb.1946, through Oct.1947.

Budapest, July 1, 1946 **First Day (of period) Cover**
Paid 21st period's Foreign Letter rate 1,600 Milliárd Pengö.
(1,600,000,000,000 Pengö, USA: 1.6 Trillion Pengö)

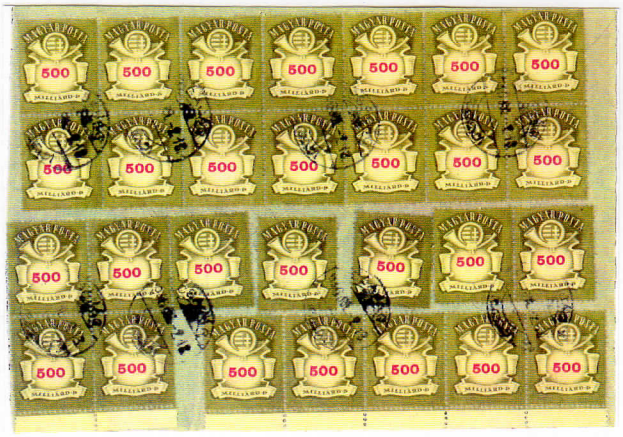
Rate Period 22,

COMBINATION FRANKING
STAMPS AND CASH WITH CONTROL NUMBER



Csajág, July 2, 1946. Paid Domestic Letter rate 40 Billió Pengö. (40,000,000,000,000 P.,USA: 40 Trillion P.)

The largest denomination stamp (500 Milliárd P) in circulation until July 3 (next day)
31 x 500 Milliárd P. stamps represented 15.5 Billió Pengö. Issued June 27, 1946 lost validity July 13,1946.



Paid by stamps	**15.5 Billió P.**
Paid by Cash.....	**21.5 Billió P.**
Paid.....	**37.0 Billió P.**
Underpaid rate.....	**3.0 Billió P.**

But who's counting?!?

Rate Period 22.

TRIPLE-WEIGHT PRINTED MATTER



Tápiószentmárton község elöljáróságától

..... szám

1946. .....

Központi Illetmény Hivatal.

Budapest.

Tápiószentmárton, July 3, 1946.

Triple-weight to 500g
Printed Matter paid rate 20,000 milliárd Pengö
(20,000,000,000,000 P.)
U.S.=20 trillion

Rate Period 22.

"DOVE" STAMPS' FIRST DAY of ISSUE

Only One Day use in this rate period.



Certificate

Budapest, July 3, 1946. Paid Local letter rate 24 billió Pengö.

The "Dove" stamps of Hungary
in use July 3, - July 11, 1946, (9 days + 1 day 'Grace Period')
Issue dates and denominations:

July 3	**1-2-5-10 billió Pengö**
July 5	**20 billió Pengö**
July 7	**50-100-200-500 billió Pengö**
July 10	**1,000 billió Pengö**
July 11	**100,000 billió Pengö**

July 1310,000 - 50,000 - 500,000 billió Pengö**

On or after July 12, 1946, no more Pengö denominated stamps were accepted for payment of any postal charges. July 12, was the first day of the new official monetary unit of 'adópengö' or Tax Pengö.
The stamps were issued as the printers completed them, and this led to three denominations being released *after* they were no longer valid for postage. *All* Pengö denominated stamps were demonetized on July 13th.**

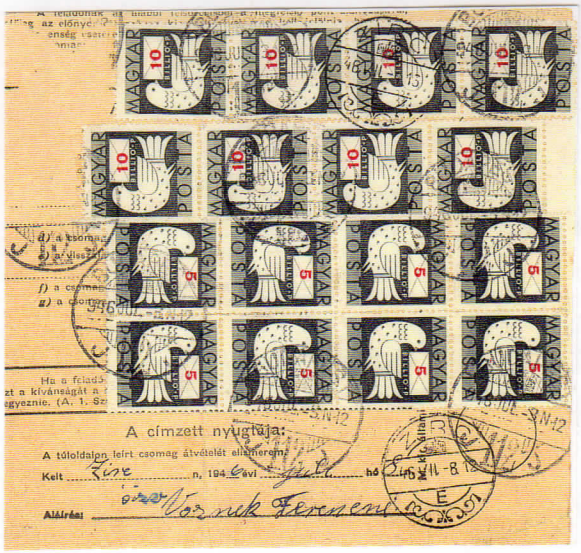
Rate Period 22.

PARCEL POST

The Only recorded entire Parcel Post example with "Dove" stamp franking
Stamp's First Day of Issue - Only One-Day-Use in this rate period



Certificate



Budapest, July 3, 1946.

5.9 kg Domestic Parcel Post to Zirc,
Paid up to 10kg rate ..... 160,000 milliárd P.
(160,000,000,000,000 =160 billió Pengö)

(on reverse, 2 x 10 billió Pengö stamps fell off in transit: missing)

The cost of card 500 adópengö was separately paid in cash.

Rate Period 22.

'FIRST DAY OF ISSUE' 10 Billió P. STAMP

"FEWEST STAMPS USED" FRANKING

DESTINATION CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Last Day of 22nd Period >>>>>



Certificate

The 10 Billió P. denomination stamp in usable existence only two days (July 3 - 4).

16 of the largest denomination stamps were used to make up the higher rate.

Stamp issued July 3, lost validity July 13,1946.

Budapest to Czechoslovakia, July 3, 1946. Paid Foreign letter rate 160 Billió Pengö.

Last Day (of period) Cover.

Rate Period 23,
July 4 - 7, 1946 (4 Days)

Inflation rate over 14th period's 'Base' 100,000,000,000%

BASIC RATES

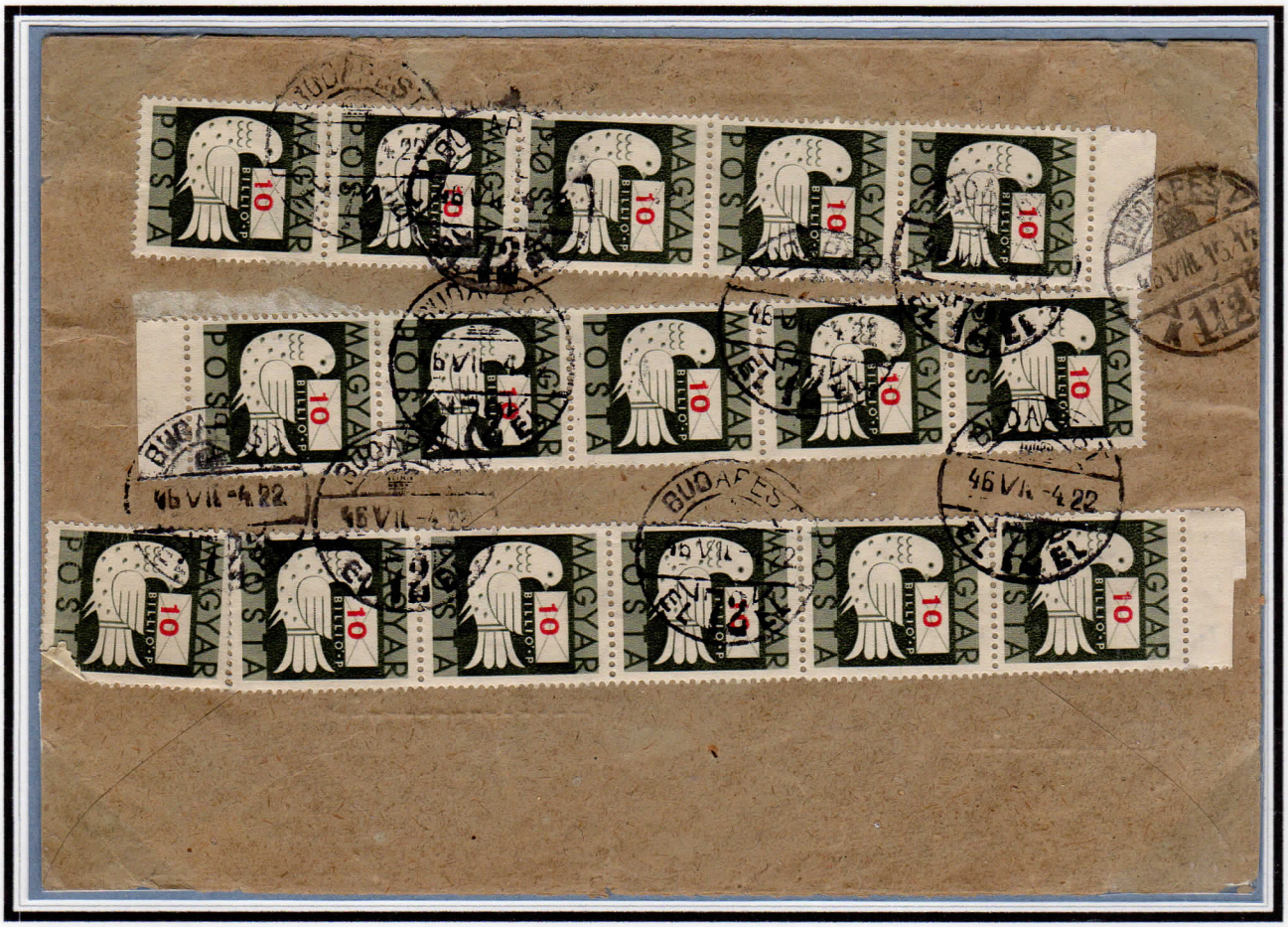
	Billió P.
Local postcard	800
Local Letter 20gr	1,200
Domestic postcard	1,200
Domestic Letter 20gr	2,000

>>>>>>>> **First Day of 23rd Period**

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 1 DAY

"FEWEST STAMPS USED" FRANKING

DESTINATION ROMANIA - RETURNED



Certificate

Budapest, July 4, 1946. **First Day (of period) Cover**
"Grace Period" Paid 22nd period's Foreign letter rate 160 Billió Pengö.

Returned to Sender. Return arrival cds. August 15, 1946. On the front 'TAXE PERCUE' Rate Paid, the required UPU marking on Foreign destination mail.

Rate Period 24,
July 8 - July 11,1946 (4 Days)

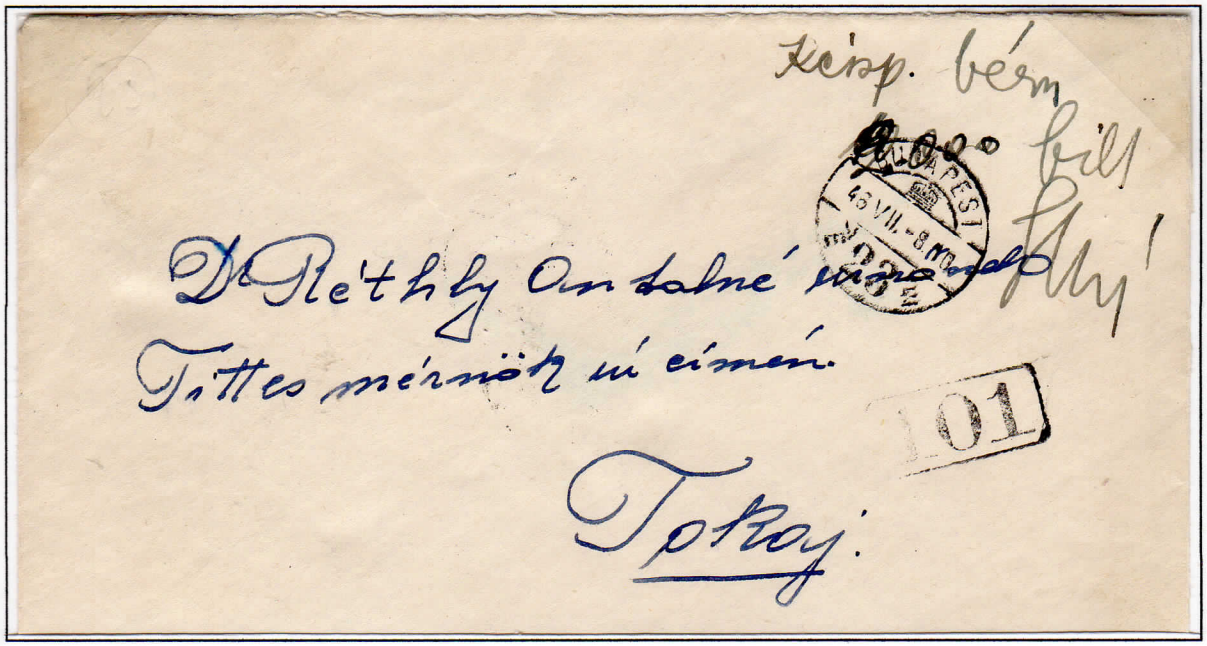
Last period when rates based on 'Pengö'

BASIC RATES

	Billió Pengö
Local Postcard.....	40,000
Local Letter 20gr.....	60,000
Domestic Postcard.....	60,000
Domestic Letter 20gr.....	100,000

This is the last time change was 'based' on the 14th period's rate.
Inflation rate over 14th period's 'Base' 5,000,000,000,000 %

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 1 DAY



First Day (of period) Cover.

Paid 23rd period's Domestic letter rate 2,000 Billió P.

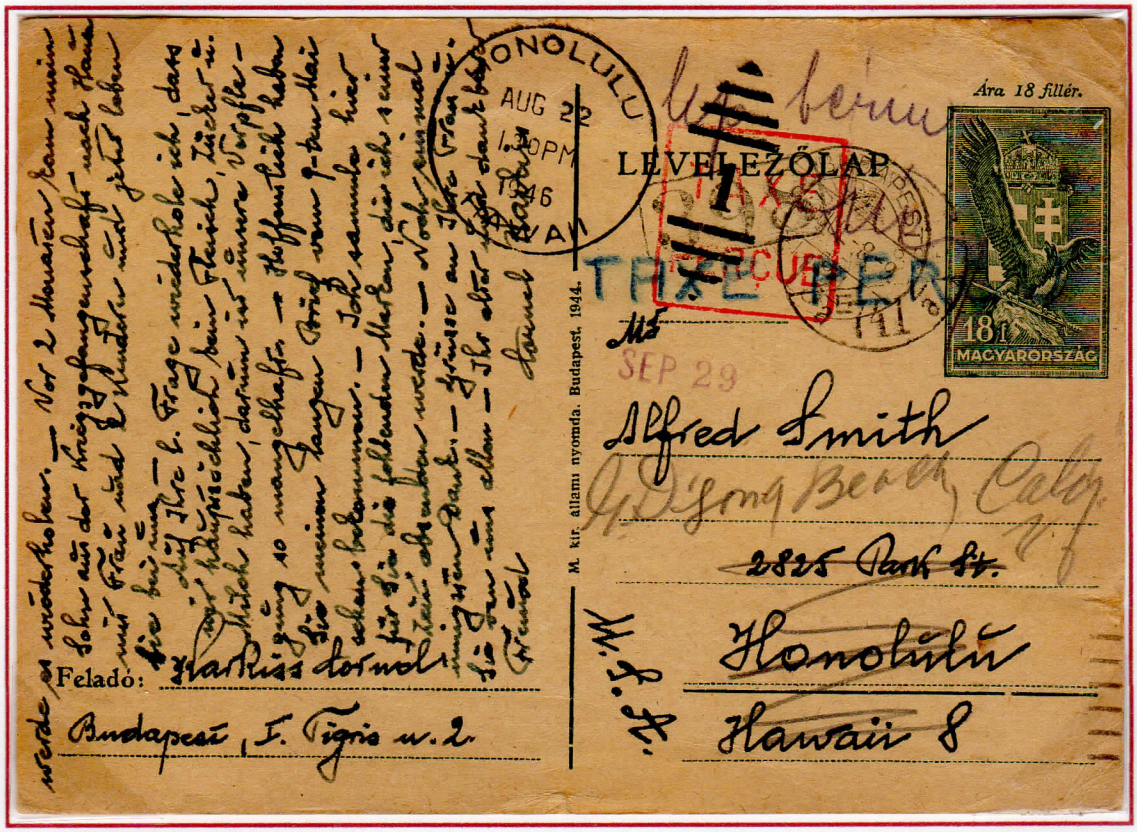
Budapest,July 8,1946.

Control Number '401' at Budapest 23, is Discovery Copy.

DESTINATION HAWAII 'Territory' of U.S.A.

One of Two recorded mail to Hawaii (both are in this collection)

Forwarded to Long Beach, California.



First Day (of period) Cover.

Budapest, July 8, 1946.
Paid by Cash Foreign postcard rate 250,000 Billió Pengö = 250,000,000,000,000

Control #398 attest payment at P.O.13 (blue crayon'Taxe Percue') and signature.
Honolulu postmark Aug.22.
Forwarded to Long Beach,CA arrival September 29, 1946.

Postcards to Foreign destination seldom seen.

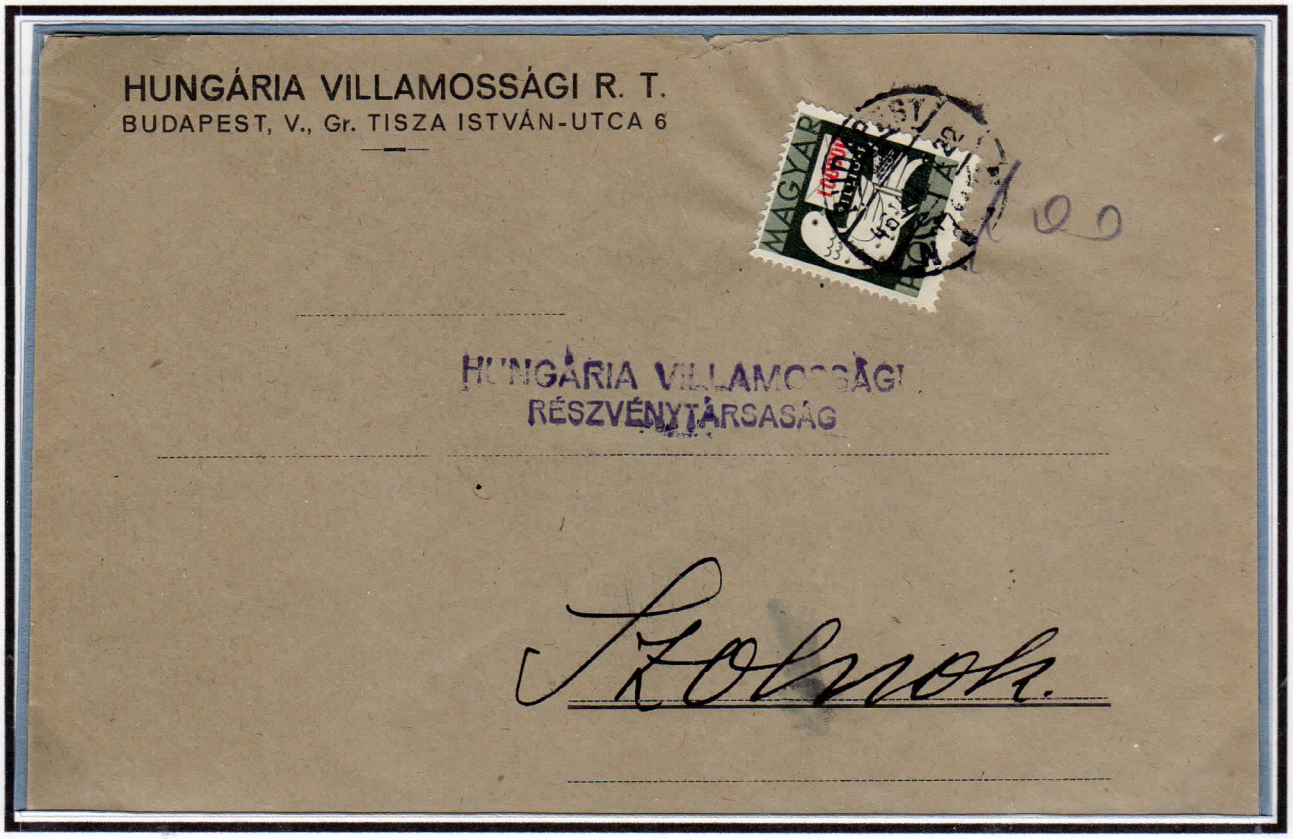
Rate Period 24,

THE LARGEST DENOMINATION (postally valid) PENGÖ ISSUE

'Last Day' of Rate Period -
Stamp's 'First Day Use' E.K.U.
Only One Day in Use.

Budapest,
July 10, 1946,

Domestic letter,
Paid rate
100,000 Billio P



Certificate

According to 'Monográfia' (Vol.V., p. 211-212) this stamp was scheduled for release on July 10th but was not released until July 11th. The above example was used at P.O.72, on July 10th, 10pm. *(Earliest Known Use).*



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

Valid Only Two Days

Stamps and Cash Combination

Budapest, July 10, 1946.

Local letter, paid rate
60,000 Billió Pengö

Paid by Cash 25,000 Billió P.
Paid by Stamps 35,000 Billió P.
(20,000 Billió Pengö on reverse)

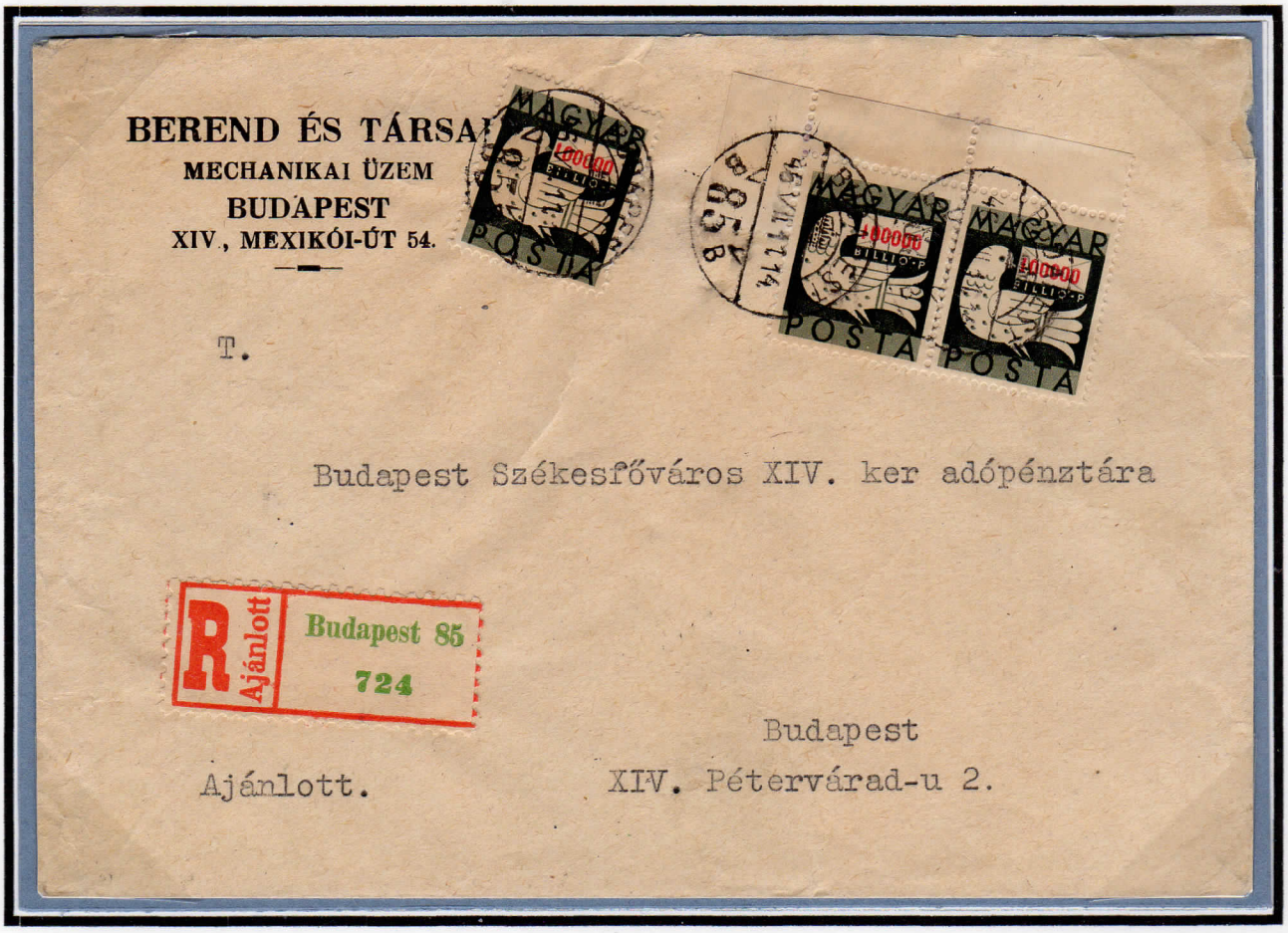
Illustrated in 'Bélyeg Világ' front page, February 2000 issue.

Certificate

MULTIPLE USE
OF LARGEST DENOMINATION PENGÖ ISSUE.

Last Day of Rate Period - First Day of Stamp Issue - 'Fewest Stamps Used' Franking.
Only One Day in Use.

One of Two recorded examples.



Certificate

Budapest, July 11, 1946.

Doubleweight Local letter	100,000 BP.
Registered	200,000 BP.
Rate paid	300,000 BP.

Illustrated in 'Magyar Bélyegek Kézikönyve' p.302.

300,000 Billió Pengö =
300,000,000,000,000,000 Pengö

THE BUDAKESZI
POSTMASTER PROVISIONAL

One of four Budakeszi recorded covers. (Two are in this collection)
The Only cover with this type of provisional 'stamps'.



Certificate.

Budakeszi, July 11, 1946. **Last Day (of period) Cover.**
Part of the Provisional Stamps were pre-prepared (with red daystamp and '112' control number) on July 4 but was posted only on July 11, 1946 (black cds. tying stamps to cover). The needed values were applied on the day of mailing. Paid the double-weight foreign letter's rate of the 24th period.
Provisional Stamps: 200,000 Billio and 400,000 Billio denominations. 'Taxe Perçue' boxed marking UPU meaning for 'Charge Paid'. The stylized tulip in the 400,000 B. stamp has no postal meaning, it's only the doodling art of a bored postal employee. 'ezer' = thousand, 'B' = Billion.

650,000,000,000,000,000 Pengö

Double-weight foreign letter rate 650,000 Billio Pengö.
(Short-paid 50,000 B.Pengö)

LAST DAY OF PENGÖ AS MONETARY UNIT



Stamps and Cash payment

Ménfőcsanok, July 11, 1946.
Last Day of Rate Period.

Domestic postcard
Paid in stamps ..... 600 BP.
Paid in Cash ..... 59,400 BP.
Paid rate ..... 60,000 BP.
60,000,000,000,000,000 Pengö

Cash acceptance noted in manuscript and attested with '6374' Control Number.

Illustrated in 'Magyar Bélyegek Kézikönyve' p.302.

Certificate

AIR MAIL

One of Two Air Mail covers recorded in the 24th Period

Budapest, July 11, 1946.

Foreign letter..... 400,000 BP.
Air Mail surcharge to USA
Per 5gr: 1 Gold Franc
1 Gold Franc on July 11,1946,
.....2,000 Trillion Pengö
Paid rate 2,000,400,000 BP.

BP = Billió Pengö
in Pengö:
2,000,400,000,000,000,000,000 P.

Certificate



Rate Period 24,

COMBINATION FRANKING
STAMPS AND CASH WITH CONTROL NUMBER



Certificate



Múcsony. July 10, 1946.
Paid Domestic letter rate 100,000 B.P.

Paid by Cash.....	**99,000 Billió P**
Paid by Stamps.	**1,000 Billió P**
Paid rate.....	**100,000 Billió P**

100,000,000,000,000,000 Pengö = USA: 100 Quadrillion P.

20 Billió P. stamps issued July 5, and was invalidated July 13, 1946 , (valid 7 days).

Control number **"1086"** attests for cash received.

Rate Period 25,
July 12 - 17, 1946 (6 Days)

PRT regulation 239.300/4. on July 12, 1946, set a new BASE RATE schedule upon which subsequent rates had been adjusted (until July 31, 1946) by percentages.

BASIC RATES

	(Tax Pengö) Adó Pengö
Local Postcard.....	10,000
Local Letter 20gr.....	10,000
Domestic Postcard.....	10,000
Domestic Letter 20gr	20,000

THE ADÓPENGÖ = TAX PENGÖ

At the end of 1945, the government realized that taxes are not collected because the public was waiting and paying their taxes later with the inflated money. To correct this problem, beginning with January 1, 1946, it was decreed that taxes were to be assessed and paid only with 'Adó Pengö' (Tax Pengö) scripts. These could be bought at banks and the conversion number (Pengö/Adópengö) to be announced each day (after bank closing hours) applicable for the next day. On January 1, 1946, 1 Pengö = 1 Tax Pengö (Adó Pengö). As the inflation eroded the value of the Pengö, by June 1,1946 the Finance Minister issued Tax Pengö notes, which soon was pushing out the Pengö as currency. By July 12, 1946, the Postal Department accepted the practice of the public and changed the currency and stamps from Pengö to Adó Pengö.

On July 12,1946, the conversion rate was: 1 Tax Pengö = 1,600,000,000,000,000 Pengö / USA: 1.6 quadrillion P.

FOR 4 DAYS NO DEFINITIVE ADÓ PENGÖ STAMPS AVAILABLE (July 12-15)

On July 10, 1946, PRT 239.300/4. III.3. warns the individual Post Offices that: ".... until the Adó Pengö stamps will arrive, payment for mail should be accepted in cash only. The marking should indicate 'Kp. bérm. ..... AP' plus the accepting clerk's signature." Translation: Rate paid in cash (fill in the amount) in Adó Pengö.

The abbreviated use of 'AP' for Adó Pengö became customary.



FIRST ADÓ PENGÖ DENOMINATION STAMPS

Less than ten recorded covers of this usage known.

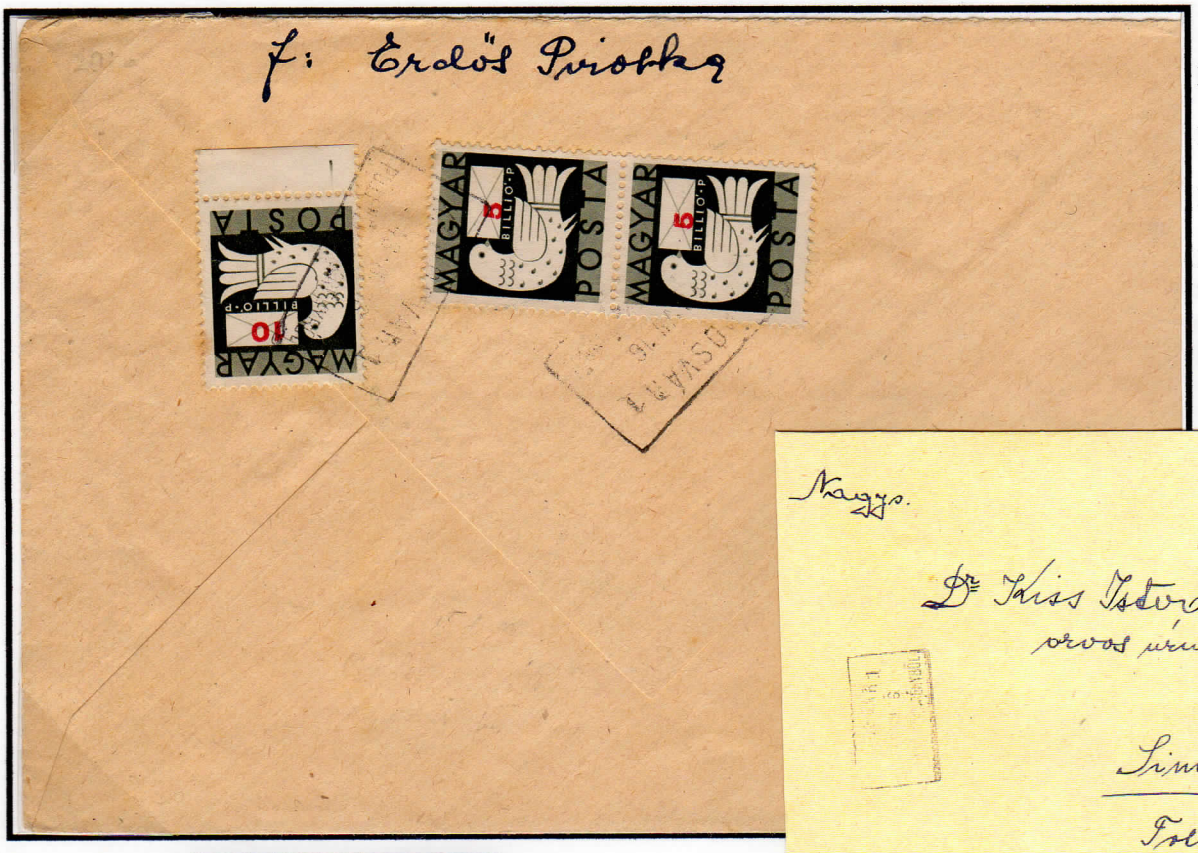
T.P.O. Budapest to Miskolc

July 15, 1946. Stamps' First Day of Use: 100 Years of Hungarian R.R., Lost validity July 31, 1946.

The 500,000 Billió stamp (on collar) was invalidated on July 13, 1946 (was for decorative purposes only.)

Rate Period 25,

LETTERBOX POSTED, UNDERPAID—NOT PENALIZED



Kaposvár, July 16, 1946.

Domestic letter rate
20,000 AP.
Paid 20 billion Pengö.

Posted in the Adó Pengö era, this letter was dropped in a mailbox (Special rectangular canceler) but escaped penalty.

PARCEL POST

One of Two recorded Parcel Post examples (both are in this collection) with 'Dove' Stamp Franking.
First Day of rate period, Last Day for validity of Pengö denominated stamps.



Special rate for postal employees.
Postal authorization on reverse reduced below.



July 12, 1946, Sarkad to Hódmezövásárhely.

20 kg food package,
Special rate for postal employees paid 10 Billió Pengö.

Rate Period 25,

DESTINATION SWEDEN—FORWARDED

First Day of Stamp Issue - In use only the last two days in this rate period.



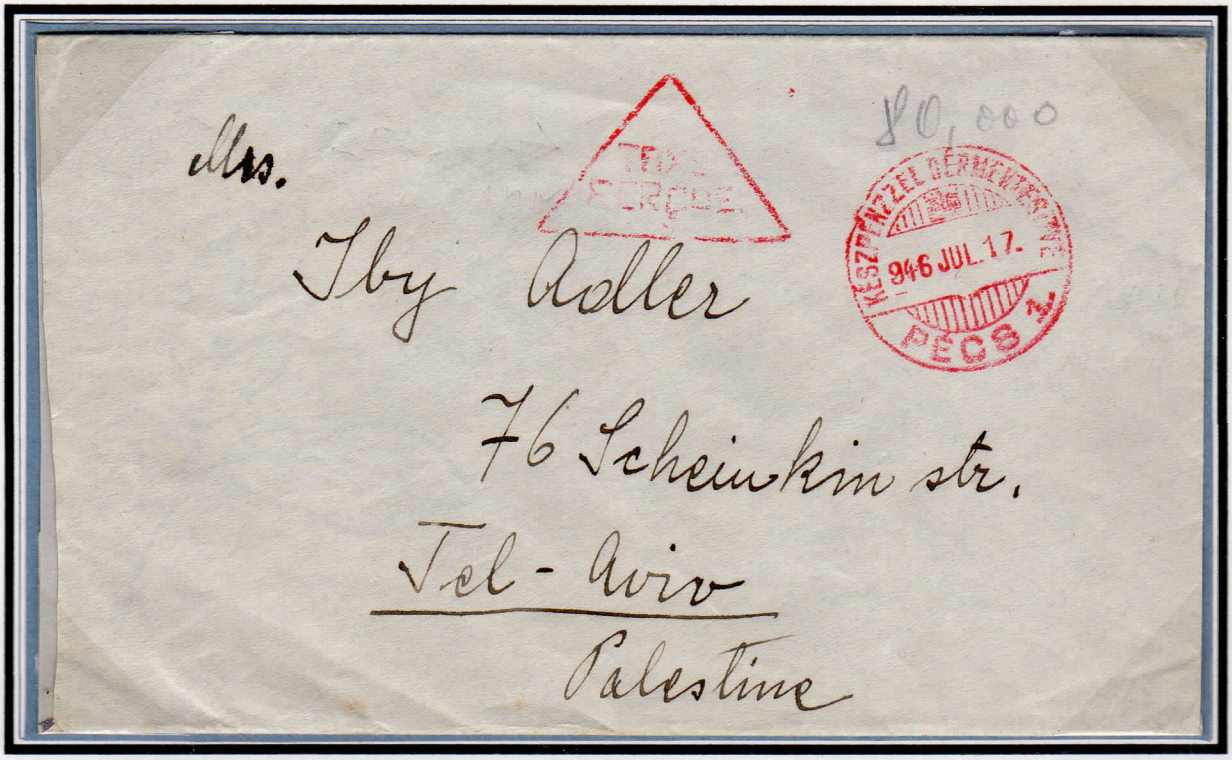
Esztergom, July 16, 1946.

Foreign postcard
Paid rate 50,000 AP.

Home-made postcard.

DESTINATION PALESTINE

One of Four recorded covers to Palestine (Three are in this collection).



Pécs, July 17, 1946.
Last Day (of period) Cover

Paid in Cash
Foreign letter rate
80,000 AP.

Triangle 'Taxe Percue' marking used exclusively from Pécs.

Rate Period 25,

THE BUDAKESZI POSTMASTER PROVISIONAL

One of four recorded covers.
(Two are in this collection)



Certificate

Budakeszi, July 17, 1946. **Last Day (of period) Cover.**
'Insufficient Address' labels overprinted '80,000 ap' (AP) and used as provisional postage stamp. Hungary's postal regulations did not allow for this type of provisional stamp. Improvised home printing set was used to imprint the correct rate, same time it was initialed with red pencil.
Black cds ties stamps to hand-made envelope.

These stamps were pre-prepared with the red 'BUDAKESZI/P.PAYE' handstamp and '112' Control Number.

Paid Foreign Letter up to 20gr rate 80,000 Adó Pengö. The conversion rate on July 17 was $120 \cdot 10^{15}$ therefore 80,000 AP equaled 9,600,000,000,000,000,000,000 or USA: 9.6 Sextillion **P.**

Rate Period 25,

DOUBLE-WEIGHT AIR MAIL

One of Five Air Mail letters recorded in the 25th period.

Budapest, July 15, 1946, to Ventnor City, NJ. U.S.A.



Letter to foreign destination, up to 20gr .....80,000 AP
Airmail surcharge to USA per 5 gr
1 Gold Franc on July 15,1946..... 8,890,000 AP*
Weight 10 gr = 2 Gold Franc.....17,780,000 AP
Paid rate.....17,860,000 AP

** On July 15, 1946, 1 Gold Franc equaled 120,000 trillió Pengö and 1 AdóPengö was 135 x 10^{14} Pengö. To calculate how many AdóPengö was needed, the postal clerk had to divide 120,000 trillió into 13,500 billió, then he was required to 'round up' the 8,888,888 to 8,890,000 AdóPengö.*

Rate Period 26,
July 18 - 23,1946 (6 Days)

Inflation rate over 25th period's 'Base' 500%

BASIC RATES

	(Tax Pengö) Adó Pengö
Local Postcard	50,000
Local Letter 20gr	50,000
Domestic Postcard	50,000
Domestic Letter 20gr	100,000

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 1 DAY
VOIDED POSTAGE DUE



Mistakenly assessed due (80,000 AP) was voided (red crayon) probably by supervisor

First Day (of period) Cover.
Budapest, July 18,1946.

Paid 25th period's Local letter rate 10,000 adópengö.

DESTINATION INDIA

One of three recorded mail to India (Two are in this collection)



Sopron, July 22, 1946.

Paid Foreign postcard rate
250,000 adópengö

India arrival Sept. 8, 1946.

Returned to sender,
Sopron, Hungary, arrival
October 19, 1946.

Certificate

DESTINATION NETHERLANDS

One of Three Recorded Mail to the Netherlands (Two are in this collection)



Budapest, July 18, 1946.
Wierlen arrival July 26, 1946, forwarded to new address.

Paid Foreign letter rate
400,000 adópengö

Paid rate in cash.
Control Number '158' attest for cash received at Budapest 502 post office.

International mail that were paid by cash (in lieu of stamps) U.P.U. regulation required 'Taxe Percue' marking.

Hollandia = the Netherlands

AIR MAIL

One of Four Air Mail covers recorded in the 26th Period



Budapest, July 20, 1946

Letter to Foreign destination up to 20gr.....400,000 AP
Air Mail surcharge to USA per 5 gr
1 Gold Franc on July 20, 1946.....30,000,000 AP
Paid rate.....30,400,000 AP

Rate Period 26,

DESTINATION RUSSIA

One of Three known letter to Russia

Bácsalmás, July 20, 1946.
Paid rate "Taxe Percue"
(The amount undetected)
(The imprint was devalued)

Postal card was adressed to a Hungarian P.O.W. in Russia.



REGISTERED LETTER TO HAWAII 'Territory' of U.S.A.

One of Two recorded letter to Hawaii (Both are in this collection)

Budapest, July 23, 1946. Paid Registered, Foreign letter rate 1,200,000 AP. (1,000,000 AP on reverse)



Rate Period 27,
July 24 - 31, 1946 (8 Days)

The Last Rate Change

BASIC RATES

	(Tax Pengö) Adó Pengö
Local Postcard	200,000
Local Letter 20gr	200,000
Domestic Postcard	200,000
Domestic Letter 20gr	400,000

Inflation rate over 25th period's "Base" 2,000%

"GRACE PERIOD" PERMITTED: 1 DAY



FOREIGN (AUSTRIA) DESTINATION PRINTED MATTER

First Day (of period) Cover.
Budapest,July 24,1946.

Paid 26th period's rate
100,000 Adó Pengö



POSTAL WARNING MESSAGE ON THE AUSTRO/SWISS BORDER

FIRST DAY USE OF 1 MILLIÓ AP stamp

Budapest,July 26,1946
Paid Foreign Letter
rate 1,600,000 AP.

Rate Period 27,

AIR MAIL LETTER

The 27th rate period was the only time when Tax Pengö was accepted instead of Pengö when purchasing the Gold Franc.



Budapest, July 24, 1946. First Day (of rate period) Cover

5 F = Marking probably by delivering mailman, as: 5th floor.

Letter to Foreign destination 20gr	**1,600,000 AP**
Airmail surcharge to USA per 5gr	
1 Gold Franc on July 24,1946.....	**150,000,000 AP**
Paid rate	**151,600,000 AP** > > > > > > > > > > >

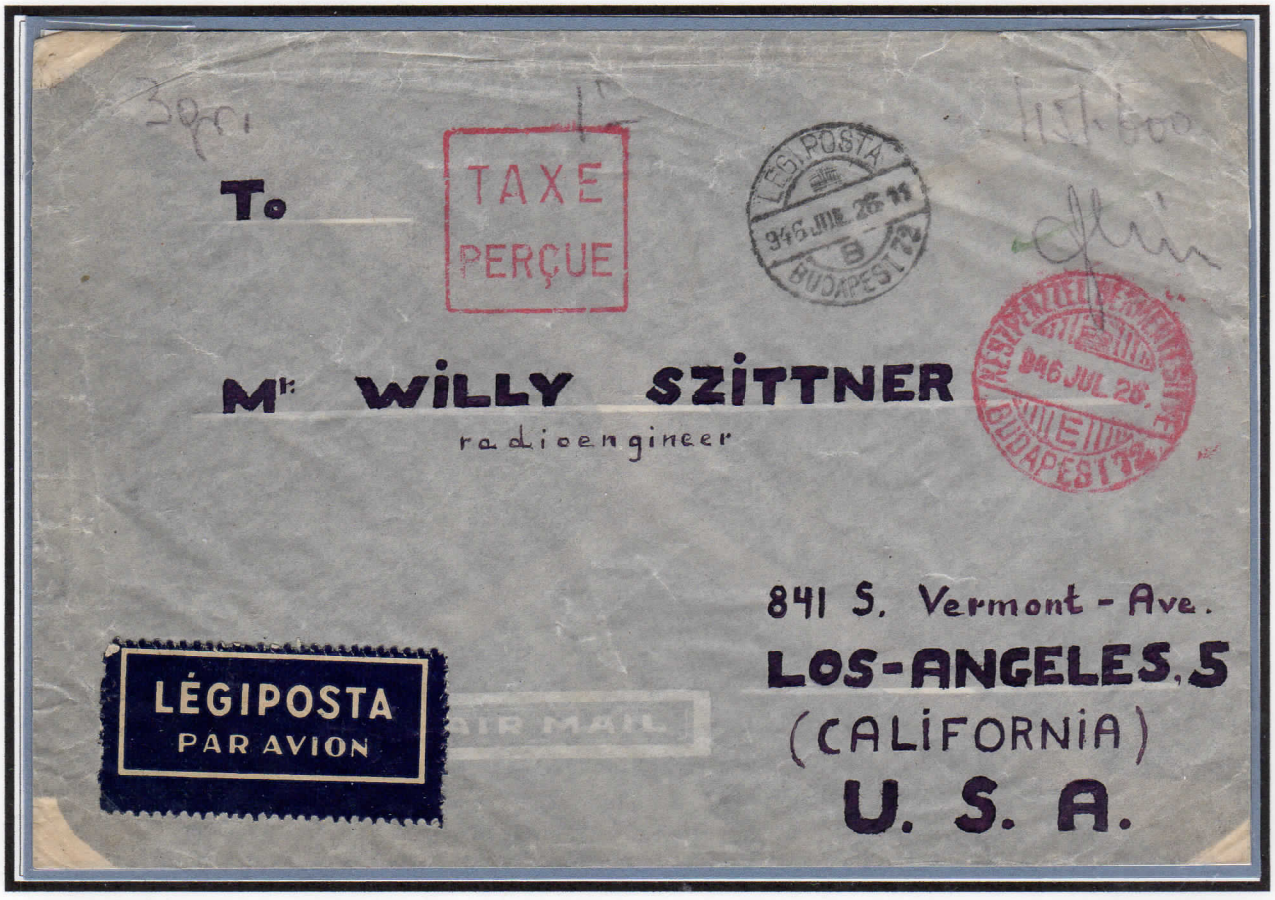
On this day the conversion rate (Pengö/Adó Pengö) was $120 \cdot 10^{18}$

The paid Adó Pengö (Tax Pengö) amount translated into Pengö:
18,192,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 P. or USA: 18,192 Octillion Pengö

Rate Period 27,

AIR MAIL LETTER

Six Air Mail covers recorded from the 27th period (Three are in this collection)



Budapest, July 26, 1946.
Airmail letters were accepted only at the Budapest 72 P.O.
Handwritten 3gr (weight); and "1.-" for 1 Gold Franc.

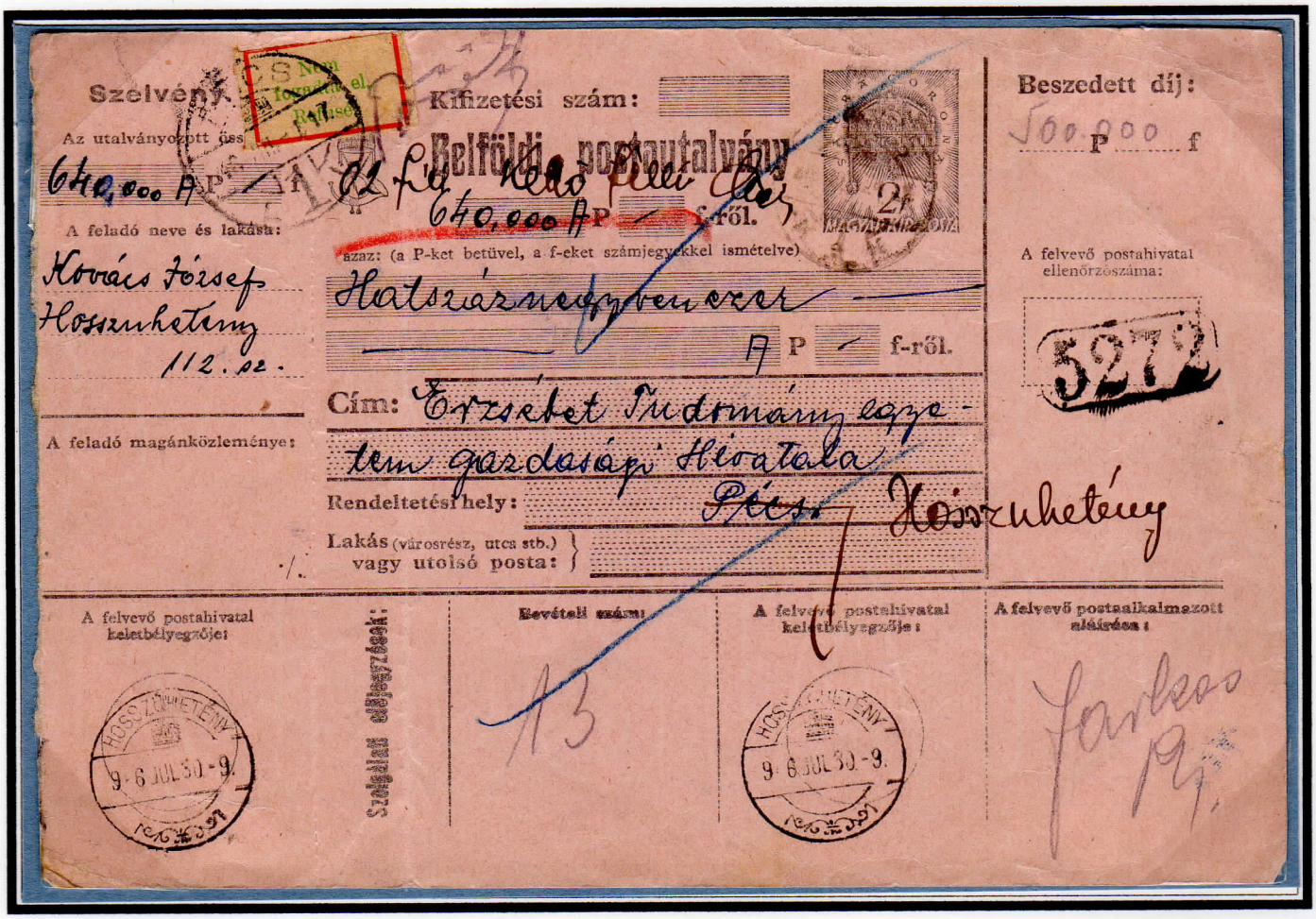
	NOTE		
	DIFFERENCE	**Letter to Foreign destination 20gr.....**	**1,600,000 AP**
	TWO DAYS	**Airmail surcharge to USA per 5gr**	
>>>>>>	**LATER >>>>**	**1 Gold Frank on July 26, 1946.....**	**450,000,000 AP**
		Paid rate.....	**451,600,000 AP**

On this day the conversion rate (Pengö/Adó Pengö) was: $700 \cdot 10^{18}$

Rate Period 27.

POSTAL MONEY ORDER.

The Only Recorded Entire Postal Money Order.



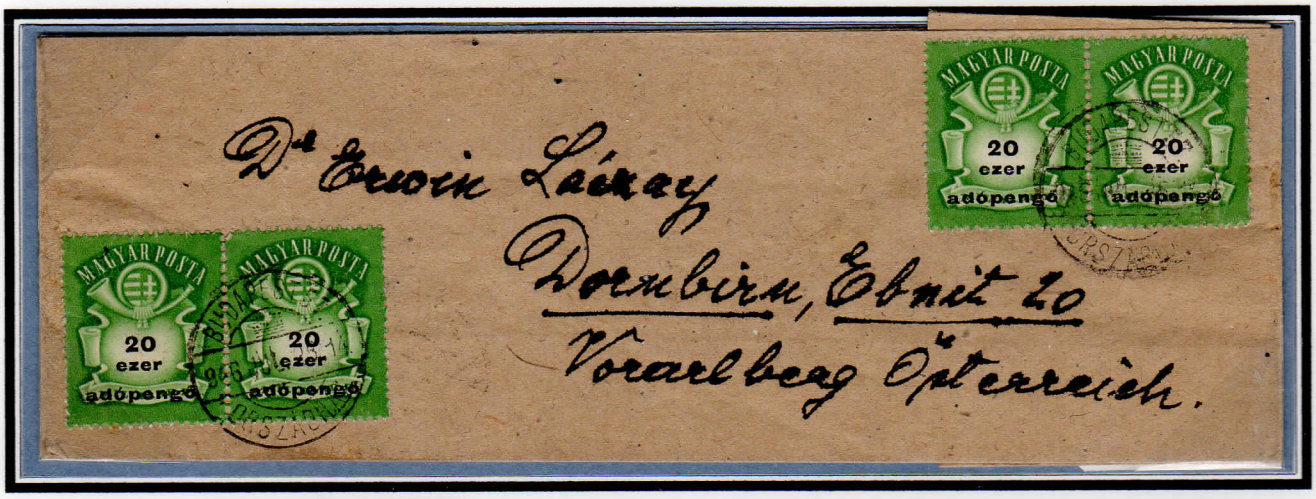
Hosszúhetény, July 30, 1946. Payment of 640,000 AP., for a hospital care was refused by recipient and returned to sender (see directional label 'Nem fogadta el/ Refused').

Rate for sending up to 50 millió AP., was 500,000 Ap.
'Paid by Cash' attested with '5272' Control Number of Hosszúhetény P.O.

Rate Period 27,

FOREIGN DESTINATION (AUSTRIA)
TRIPLE WEIGHT NEWSPAPER WRAPPER

One of six recorded Foreign Destination wrappers.
Four are in this collection.





Reverse

Newspapers and Periodicals mailed to certain foreign destinations had a special discount of 50% based on "Foreign Destination Printed Matter" rate schedule:

Triple weight foreign printed matter rate	**400,000 AP**
50% discount rate	**200,000 AP**
Underpaid rate 20,000 AP	

On this day the conversion (Pengö/Adó Pengö) rate was $300 \cdot 10^{18}$
200,000 AP = 60,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 Pengö or USA:60 Septillion P.

"Budapest-Országház" / Parliament cds. July 25,1946.

Rate Period 27.

TRIPLE-WEIGHT
AIR MAIL LETTER

July 31, 1946, The Only Air Mail cover recorded on the Last Day of the Hyperinflation.

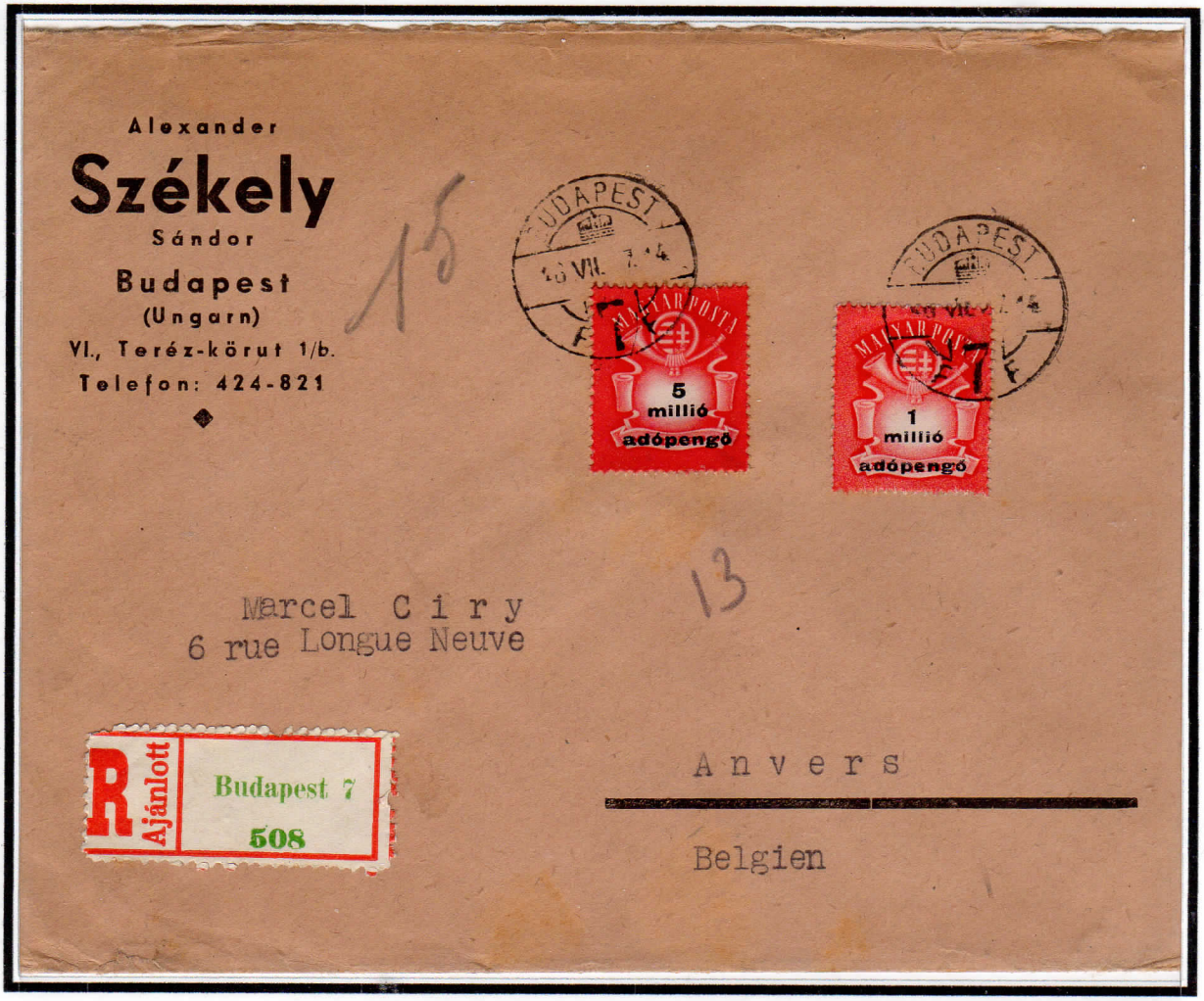


Certificate

Budapest, July 31, 1946, to Rahway, NJ, U.S.A.

Letter to Foreign destination	**1,600,000 AP.**
Air Mail surcharge to USA: 1 Gold Franc per 5gr	
1 Gold Franc on July 31, 1946, 800,000,000 AP	
3 Gold Franc for 14gr	**2,400,000,000 AP.**
Paid rate	**2,401,600,000 AP.**

AP = Adó Pengö = Tax Pengö



DESTINATION BELGIUM

One of Two recorded Mail to Belgium.

One of Two recorded Registered Mail with 'Solo' 5 millió & 1 millió AdóPengö stamps.

Budapest, July 27,1946.

Foreign Destination-
Letter 1,600,000 AP
Registr 3,200,000 AP
Rate 4,800,000 AP

Overpaid 1.2 millió AP.

Re-starting postal connection with Belgium began on July 11, 1946.

Certificate

FIRST DAY USE of 1,000,000 AP STAMP

in use only 6 days

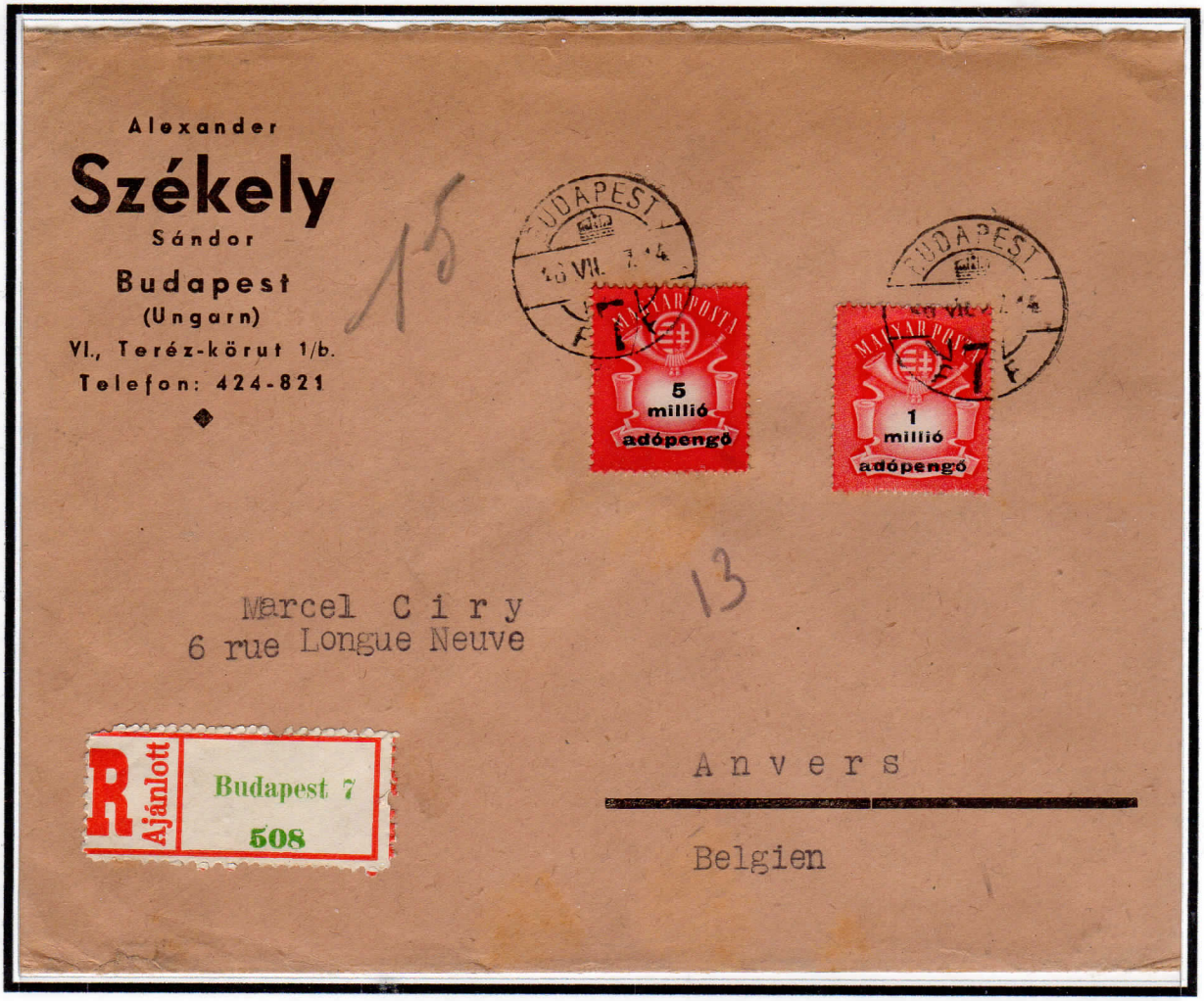
Destination U.S.A.

Budapest, July 26,1946.

Foreign Destination-
Letter 1,600,000 AP
Registr 3,200,000 AP
Paid 4,800,000 AP



Rate Period 27.



DESTINATION BELGIUM

One of Two recorded Mail to Belgium.

One of Two recorded Registered Mail with 'Solo' 5 millió & 1 millió AdóPengö stamps.

Budapest, July 27,1946.

Foreign Destination-
Letter 1,600,000 AP
Registr 3,200,000 AP
Rate 4,800,000 AP

Overpaid 1.2 millió AP.

Re-starting postal connection with Belgium began on July 11, 1946.

Certificate

FIRST DAY USE of 1,000,000 AP STAMP

in use only 6 days

Destination U.S.A.

Budapest, July 26,1946.

Foreign Destination-
Letter 1,600,000 AP
Registr 3,200,000 AP
Paid 4,800,000 AP



Rate Period 27.

VALUE DECLARED LETTER

During Hungary's Hyperinflation:
The highest rate paid with stamps for any postal transmittal.



Rate paid in Adó Pengö translated into Pengö: 104,800,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 or 104.8 octillion Pengö.



Zalaegerszeg, July 31, 1946,
Last Day (of Hyperinflation) cover.

Triple weight Local Letter ..... 600,000 AP.
Registered ..... 800,000 AP.
Insurance fee for value declared
.. 51,000,000 AP.
Paid rate .... 52,400,000 AP.

Value declared 10,000,000,000 Adó Pengö

Reverse

Rate Period 27,

LAST DAY OF HYPERINFLATION

THE LARGEST DENOMINATION DEFINITIVE STAMP
EVER ISSUED

With 'Single' usage only four covers are recorded.



Certificate

Stamp in use only 6 days.
(July 26 - 31,1946.)

Budapest, July 31,1946. Registered letter to Austria. U.S.Army censor.
Paid rate 4,800,000 adópengö with overpayment 200,000 ap.

Translated from adópengö to Pengö 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
In the USA: 10 octillion Pengö.

POST HYPERINFLATION - 1 DAY GRACE PERIOD

AUGUST 1, 1946.



Budapest to Basel, Switzerland. August 1, 1946. ***Unique example.*** ***'Grace Period' allowed paying 27th period's rate.***
Paid Foreign letter rate 1,600 adópengö.

Certificate



POST-HYPERINFLATION
AUGUST 1, 1946.

GRACE PERIOD POSTAGE DUE

Unique Example

Illustrated in Monográfia, vol.V., page 732

Certificate

Szécsény, July 30, 1946. Domestic postcard rate 200,000 AP, paid only 50,000 AP.
Penalty assessed per the rate schedule and monetary unit of the 27th period. Officially July 31, 1946, was the adópengö and the Hyperinflation's last day. Penalty 2 x the missing amount = 300,000 AP ('Háromszázezer') was assessed on August 1, 1946. (Forint era).

EPILOGUE

PROVISIONAL USE OF HYPERINFLATION ADHESIVES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE POST-HYPERINFLATION "FORINT" PERIOD

Unique 'Mixed Postage' Example
(with adópengö and Forint stamps)



Certificate

Apátfalva, August 4, 1946, to Austria. Paid Foreign letter rate 1 Forint.
An incredible Provisional use of the last stamp issued during the Hyperinflation. No regulation allowed (or disallowed) such practice, but this is the only example documented the combination use of the adópengö and Forint denominated stamps.



The new monetary unit Forint was introduced just three days earlier on August 1, 1946, and the Forint denominated stamp distribution was very limited. Apparently this small town's (pop.5772) post office received only the 60 fillér denomination stamps (upper right corner). *In order to pay the 1 Forint rate of a foreign destination letter, this postmaster choose to convert (at the official exchange rate) the no longer valid adópengö denominated stamps to pay for the 40 fillér balance needed.*

The official money exchange rate was 200,000,000 adópengö for 1 Forint. Therefore each 5 millió adópengö stamp was worth 2.5 fillér. Sixteen of these stamps were used to make up the additional 40 fillér needed for proper franking!